



The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo and has the honor to inform them that on Monday March 16, the Government will be closing the borders to foreign nationals without a residence permit in Norway.

Norwegian airports are not closing. Norwegian citizens and individuals who live or work in Norway will be allowed to return. Exemptions will be provided for European Economic Area (EEA) citizens and their family members who reside in Norway. Exemptions are also being prepared for EEA citizens who work in Norway. Exemptions for diplomatic missions in Norway and their staff are being prepared in line with the Ministry's circular note of March 13.

Aircrafts from abroad will be landing at Norwegian airports in the coming week, allowing Norwegians to return home. The Ministry will be contacting the authorities in other countries to help ensure that airlines are permitted to fly Norwegians home, although in this situation the Ministry is unable to provide any guarantees.

The airports will be open for international flights enabling tourists/foreign nationals to travel out of the country. The press release from the Ministry of Justice and Public Security can be found here:

<https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/stricter-border-controls-being-introduced/id2693624/>

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo the assurance of its highest consideration. 

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