Basic information

2023/0418(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava) Amending Regulation 2018/1806 2018/0066(COD) **Subject** 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	NEMEC Matjaž (S&D)	04/03/2024
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Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Migration and Home Affairs	JOHANSSON Ylva

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/11/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0733	Summary
11/12/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
09/04/2024	Vote in committee, 1st reading		

09/04/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0172/2024	
23/04/2024	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0305/2024	Summary
23/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/07/2024	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
18/09/2024	Final act signed		
23/09/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0418(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2018/1806 2018/0066(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 077-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/9/13705

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE759.740	05/03/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE759.970	18/03/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0172/2024	09/04/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0305/2024	23/04/2024	Summary

Council of the EU

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Draft final act	00081/2024/LEX	18/09/2024	

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0733	16/11/2023	Summary

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
NEMEC Matjaž	Rapporteur	LIBE	19/03/2024	Chargé d'affaires of the Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the EU
NEMEC Matjaž	Rapporteur	LIBE	12/03/2024	Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo
NEMEC Matjaž	Rapporteur	LIBE	06/03/2024	Embassy of Kosovo in Brussels

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
MANDL Lukas	18/03/2024	Deputy Prime Minister of Republic of Kosovo

Final act	
Regulation 2024/2495 OJ OJ L 23.09.2024	Summary

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava)

2023/0418(COD) - 23/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 406 votes to 97, with 94 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava).

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission's proposal.

The Commission proposal aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 in order to exempt holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from the requirement to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Annex II to the Regulation 2018/1806 will be amended, by including the holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava)' within the reference to Serbia.

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava)

2023/0418(COD) - 23/09/2024 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (*Koordinaciona uprava*).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2024/2495 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (*Koordinaciona uprava*).

CONTENT: Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of the European Parliament and of the Council lists the third countries whose nationals are to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from the visa requirement for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Serbia was transferred to the list of countries whose nationals are exempt from the visa requirement. That Regulation excluded from the visa exemption holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*).

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2023/850 of the European Parliament and of the Council, which transferred Kosovo from Part 2 of Annex I to Part 4 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate remain the only citizens of the Western Balkan region subject to the visa requirement.

To ensure that the whole Western Balkan region is subject to the same visa regime, this Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 to **exempt holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from the requirement to be in possession of a visa** when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Annex II to the Regulation 2018/1806 will be amended, by including the holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*)' within the reference to Serbia.

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava)

2023/0418(COD) - 16/11/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava).

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of the European Parliament and of the Council lists the third countries whose nationals are to be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of the Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Serbia was transferred to the list of countries whose nationals are exempted from the visa requirement by Council Regulation (EC) No 1244/2009. That Regulation included an exclusion to the visa exemption concerning Kosovo Serbs holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava).

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2023/850 of the European Parliament and of the Council transferring Kosovo to Part 4 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate would remain the only citizens of the Western Balkan region required to be in possession of a visa for the crossing of Member States' external borders.

With the entry into force of the visa exemption for Kosovo passport holders, the Commission considers that the reasons behind the exclusion of holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from that visa exemption no longer exist, and that all citizens of the Western Balkan region should benefit from visa-free travel to the Schengen area.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 to **exempt holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from the requirement to be in possession of a visa** when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Annex II to the Regulation 2018/1806 will be amended, by including the holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava)' within the reference to Serbia.