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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

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Dear Ross,

I hope this letter finds you well and please do accept my sincerest gratitude for the kind interest you have taken in Estonia's implementation of the Entry/Exit System (further EES).

We have considered your request with all relevant authorities responsible for managing our border crossing at the Tallinn Airport. In principle, we understand the concern and agree that EES exempted diplomats and NATO personnel could use the border control booths for EU citizens. Since Tallinn Airport is extremely short of space, this is not an easy task from the perspective of the queue management and the installation of appropriate signs.

I asked the Police and Border Guard Board to explore different options and propose a reasonable solution for citizens of United Kingdom to be exempted from EES. As such, until we find a suitable way to install information signs, we agreed with the Police and Border Guard Board that the aforementioned persons can already use the control booths intended for EU citizens.

Also, after I had contact with the minister Stephen Doughty last year, I took the opportunity to investigate the implementation of EES at the Tallinn Airport in December 2025. I served as a Border Guard volunteer at passport control gates with an intent to monitor the situation with a special attention paid to travellers from the United Kingdom. I spent a 15-hour shift there to observe all Saturday's planes that came in from London. I have to admit that the queues were occasionally substantial, but the work was organised in such a way that 4 out of 5 gates were working for All Passports categories and only 1 was reserved for EU citizens. We are also working on making next instalment of e-gates accessible to all travellers from the United Kingdom, not only residents of Estonia.

Yours Sincerely,

Igor Taro  
Minister of the Interior