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Provision of the Notification

According to the Regulation

(EU) 2016/399

Article 42b of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) requires Member States with common internal borders by 11 January 2025 to determine the areas of their territory considered as cross-border regions, taking into account the strong social and economic ties between them, and notify the Commission thereof.

The Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia deems that the relevant provision in the context of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Estonia could apply to the cities of Valka and Valga. The mentioned is justified, for example, by a number of projects carried out by the cities concerned in the field of employment, interconnecting infrastructure, with a view to strengthening aspects of tourism, business and investment, as well as in other sectors.

The Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia would be grateful for the opportunity of receiving an opinion from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic Estonia about the respective notification to the Commission as soon as possible.

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