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Lifting of travel restrictions by the EU/ Schengen Region

The Ministry of Foreign Relations notes the decision of the European Union to reopen its external borders on 1 July 2020 initially to a list of less than 15 countries that does not include Sri Lanka.

The Embassy of Sri Lanka accredited to European Union in Brussels which has been actively lobbying for Sri Lanka's inclusion in the list was informed by the European Commission that it has not yet considered countries that have not opened airports nor accepted visitors from the EU region. The Embassy was further informed that the list will be progressively expanded depending on the progress made in the epidemiological situation in countries, the ability to apply containment measures during travel and whether or not that country has lifted travel restrictions towards the EU countries.

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