

Regulation (EU) 2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 September 2018 establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and amending Regulations (EU) No 1077/2011, (EU) No 515/2014, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2016/1624 and (EU) 2017/2226

CHAPTER X

**PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO THE ETIAS
CENTRAL SYSTEM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES**

Article 51

Procedure for access to the ETIAS Central System for law enforcement purposes

1 An operating unit referred to in Article 50(3) shall submit a reasoned electronic or written request for consultation of a specific set of data stored in the ETIAS Central System to a central access point referred to in Article 50(2). Where consultation of data referred to in point (i) of Article 17(2) and points (a) to (c) of Article 17(4) is sought, the reasoned electronic or written request shall include a justification of the necessity to consult those specific data.

2 Upon receipt of the request for access, the central access point shall verify whether the conditions for access referred to in Article 52 are fulfilled, including by checking whether any request for consultation of data referred to in point (i) of Article 17(2) and points (a) to (c) of Article 17(4) is justified.

3 If the conditions for access referred to in Article 52 are fulfilled, the central access point shall process the request. The data stored in the ETIAS Central System accessed by the central access point shall be transmitted to the operating unit that made the request in such a way that the security of the data is not compromised.

4 In a case of urgency, where there is a need to prevent an imminent danger to the life of a person associated with a terrorist offence or other serious criminal offence, the central access point shall process the request immediately and shall only verify *ex post* whether all the conditions referred to in Article 52 are fulfilled, including whether a case of urgency actually existed. The *ex post* verification shall take place without undue delay and in any event no later than seven working days after the processing of the request.

Where an *ex post* verification reveals that the consultation of or access to data recorded in the ETIAS Central System was not justified, all the authorities that accessed the data shall erase the data they accessed from the ETIAS Central System. The authorities shall inform the relevant central access point of the Member State in which the request was made of the erasure.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 51.