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Enhanced controls of travel documents

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The Government has decided on a government bill on controls of biometric identifiers in travel documents. The bill was presented to the Riksdag 24 October 2017.

"It is positive that we will now have the opportunity to check that people entering and leaving Sweden do not conceal their true identity," says Minister for Migration and Deputy Minister for Justice Heléne Fritzon.

The bill contains proposals that would require foreign citizens, in the same way as Swedish citizens, to allow their fingerprints and a photograph to be taken on arrival and departure to control their identity and travel documents. It would apply to all nationalities, including EU citizens.

The bill will enhance the possibilities to prevent people entering Sweden using another person's travel documents. It is a measure that will strengthen our common security and is a result of new provisions in the Schengen Borders Code.

It is proposed to enter into force on 1 March 2018.