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Newsletter

COVID-19: Russian Government established entry ban for foreign nationals

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On 16th March 2020, the Russian Government ordered the temporary restriction of entry into the country by foreign nationals and stateless persons, including foreigners entering the Russian Federation through Belarus, as well as applying to Belarusian nationals.

According to the current regulation, the restriction is valid from 00:00 March 18th, 2020 until 00:00 May 1st, 2020.

As of March 18th, 2020, the migration authorities will stop accepting applications for work permits and work visa invitations, as well as student visa invitations, for all foreign nationals.

As of March 18th, 2020, issuance of all types of work permits, including HQS work permits, will also be temporarily suspended.

As of March 18th, 2020, Russian consular offices abroad will stop issuing all visas for foreign nationals, with the exception of diplomatic, official service, ordinary business visas to the persons specified below, as well as for ordinary private visas to foreign nationals traveling to the Russian

Federation in connection with the death of a close relative.

Issuing of electronic visas is also suspended.

The following categories of individuals are exempted from the entry restriction:

- persons permanently residing in the Russian Federation;
- persons traveling in transit through the standard air transit routes and interchanges;
- · diplomats and their families;
- professional car drivers of international automobile traffic;
- aircraft crew members;
- · crew members of sea and river vessels;
- train and locomotive crews of international rail services;
- members of official delegations;
- persons having diplomatic, official, ordinary private visas issued in connection with the death of a close relative.

These measures are temporary, we are following closely the situation and will inform you about any further development.

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