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Amendments to the Rules for Immigrants to enter and reside in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and depart from the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Dear friends,

Government Resolution No. 838 dated 23 December 2016 On Amendments to Government Resolution No. 148 dated 21 January 2012 "On the Approval of Rules for Immigrants to enter and reside in the Republic of Kazakhstan and depart from the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Migration Control Rules and Rules for the Registration of Foreign Nationals and Stateless Persons who have crossed the State Border of the Republic of Kazakhstan illegally, who are residing in the Republic of Kazakhstan illegally, and Persons who are prohibited from entering

the Republic of Kazakhstan" has amended point 17 of the Rules for Immigrants to enter and reside in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and depart from the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Under the changes, citizens of:

- Australia;
- United States of America;
- Austria;
- Belgium;
- Bulgaria;
- The United Arab Emirates;
- Germany;
- Greece;
- Denmark;
- New Zealand;
- Japan;
- Israel;
- Ireland;
- Iceland;
- Spain;
- Italy;
- Canada;
- Cyprus;
- Korea;
- Latvia;
- Lithuania;
- Luxemburg;
- Hungary;
- Malaysia;
- Malta;
- Mexico;
- Monaco;
- Netherland;
- Norway;
- Poland;

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- Portugal;
- Romania;
- Singapore;
- Slovakia;
- Slovenia;
- Turkey;
- The United Kingdom and Northern Ireland;
- Finland;
- France;
- Croatia;
- Czech Republic;
- Chile;
- Switzerland;
- Sweden;
- Estonia

may enter and leave Kazakhstan without a visa, provided their period of stay in Kazakhstan does not exceed 30 calendar days from the date they cross the Kazakhstan state border.

In addition, the joint order of the Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 24 November 2016 № 11-1-2/555 and the Minister of Internal Affairs of RK dated 28 November 2016 № 1100 «On approval of the rules of preparation of invitations, concurrence of invitations for entrance of foreign nationals and stateless persons to the Republic of Kazakhstan, issue, annulment, renewal of visas of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as prolongation and shortening of the terms of their actions» (hereinafter – «New Rules»), which has entered into force from 1 January 2017 introduced the following amendments:

- the power to issue visa invitation letters has been transferred from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- the type and categories of visas have been changed to «A», «B» and «C» types;
- the state fee for the issuance of entry visas has been increased.

If you require advice on the above issue, please do not hesitate to contact us — the Deloitte Tax & Legal Department at +7 (727) 258 13 40 (Almaty). This alert was prepared by Deloitte professionals for informational purposes only, and the application of its contents to specific situations will depend on the particular circumstances involved.

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