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Introducing the option of sending residence permits/work permits by courier

The General Inspectorate for Immigration will have the option to send work permits and residency permits to employers, respectively foreign citizens living in Romania, by courier, upon request, according to the recently adopted law.

Establishing the conditions under which free access to information in the cadastre and land register system will be obtained

Issued in application of the provisions of the Law on Cadastre and Land Book no. 7/1996, the Order establishes the conditions for free access to data and information from the cadastre and land register system for several professional categories and entities in the private and public sector.

I. Law no. 247 for amending and supplementing certain normative acts on residence documents issued to Citizens of the European Union and their family members, as well as in the field of foreigners

Through this law, the following provisions are adopted

- Foreign citizens can opt for their residency permits to be sent via courier to their domicile or residence in Romania, bearing the shipping costs.
- Similarly, the work permits can be sent by courier to the headquarter of the sponsoring' Romanian company. In addition, they are required to pay the Governmental fee for issuing the work permits at the time of application's submission and not when the document is collected, as it currently is. In case of refusal, the Governmental fee can be recovered, as per the law's provision.
- The provisions mentioned above enter into force within 60 days from the date of entry into force of the law, respectively on September 26, 2022.

II. Establishing the conditions under which free access to information in the cadastre and land register system will be obtained

On July 25, 2022, Order no. 813/2022 on the approval of the conditions of access to the data and information in the cadastre and land register computer system entered into force (hereinafter referred to as the "**Order**").

The possibility of having free access to information from the cadastre and land register system for several professionals and entities in the public or private sector has been legislatively enacted since 2016, through the Law on cadastre and real estate publicity no. 7/1996. However, in the absence of implementing the correlative methodological norms, this possibility remained, for a while, a virtual one.

In this context, the Order is meant to give effect to the mentioned legal provisions, setting out the conditions under which the free access of certain categories of professionals will be obtained (including lawyers, notaries public, natural and legal entities authorized to carry out cadastre, geodesy, cartography works, etc.) and public or private entities to data and information from the cadastre and land register system.

As a preliminary matter, the Order clarifies:

- the concept of "data sets" for which access can be requested, as any information accessible online through access to the search / query interface in the integrated application of cadastre and land register or through dynamic query services;
- the concept of "**users**" as natural or legal persons, who have been granted the right to access the information system, individually or as a person assigned by one of the beneficiary entities provided for by law.

In order to access free of charge the information from the cadastre and land register system, applicants have the obligation to submit:

- a written request of the legal representative of the entity / professional association to which the user belongs, certifying its inclusion in one of the beneficiary entities and the request for data and information mentioning the activity regulated by the legislation in force within which the requested information will be used and also specifying the purpose for which access is requested;
- **the list of assigned persons** for which the right of access to the information managed by the informatic system is to be granted, with the indication of the contact details;
- the confidentiality commitment and compliance with the conditions, as well as the consent for personal data processing, completed and signed by each assigned person.

The documents can be sent via e-mail to the addresses published on the ANCPI website and further submitted in original, unless such documents are signed with an electronic signature based on qualified certificate. If no impediments are reported, the competent commission will give its approval within 3

days from the registration request to the Information Department which will proceed with setting up the access credentials.

In order to obtain the necessary data and information, the inquiries of the informatic system will be carried out on the basis of the following search criteria:

- the identification data of the owners of a real estate asset/name and/or personal identification number, in the case of natural persons, the name and/or the sole registration code, in the case of legal entities;
- identification data of the real estate asset, consisting of cadastral/topographical number, land book number;
- o administrative address.

Moreover, the Order provides the possibility for ANCPI to ensure, upon request and in grounded cases, the training of users in terms of understanding the data and information in the informatic system of the cadastre and land book register.

Correlative with the right of access to information, users are required to maintain the confidentiality of information and to use the information system only in accordance with the manuals and user guides made available and only for the stated purpose.

The Order also details the cases when the revocation of the right of access will operate, without prior notice, by order of the ANCPI general director:

- in case of non-compliance with any condition provided by the Order and/or the conditions based on which the access was granted;
- at the request of the user or at the request of the legal representative of the entity/professional association on whose behalf he/she is acting;
- o if the ANCPI reorganizes or suspends these services.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that, in practice, the applicability of the Order depends on the establishment of the commission that will analyze the fulfillment of the necessary conditions for granting the free access as well as on the technical capabilities available.

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