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Introduction

Please note that on 25 December 2014 the Federation Council of the Russian Federation accepted Draft Law № 608817-6 “On Amendments to Article 6 of the Federal Law ‘On Citizenship of the Russian Federation’” (hereinafter, the “Draft Law”). As mentioned in our last issue of GES Legislative News dated 24 September 2014 (attached), the current legislation, which came into force in August this year, establishes the responsibility of Russian citizens to disclose information on any foreign citizenship, residence permit, or any other document entitling its holder to permanent residence in a foreign country to the local Federal Migration Service authorities. Failure to do so may result in administrative or criminal liability.

The Draft Law proposes the following changes:

1. The notifications may be submitted by an authorized representative on the basis of a notarized power of attorney;
2. Russian citizens who fail to submit a notification to their local Federal Migration Service by the previously-established deadline due to the fact that the individual stayed abroad

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(outside of Russia) during the deadline period, such notification has to be submitted (at least) within thirty days from the date of first entry into the Russian Federation;

3. An extension to the deadline is set to 1 January 2016 for the following categories of citizens:
 - a) those who hold foreign citizenship or a residence permit obtained in countries with which Russia has a visa-free regime;
 - b) those who hold foreign citizenship or a residence permit obtained in countries with which Russia has or had an international treaty allowing preservation of citizenship of one of the states (at the moment, Russia has a dual citizenship agreement with Tajikistan and Turkmenistan).

If you need our assistance in this matter, please let us know.

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We hope you find this information useful and interesting. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

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