



## Temporary Changes to Migration Registration Requirements Due to FIFA Confederations Cup Russia 2017

According to Executive Order On Specific Application of Reinforced Security Measures during the 2018 FIFA Football World Cup and the 2017 FIFA Confederation Cup in the Russian Federation signed by the President of the Russian Federation, **from 1 June 2017 to 12 July 2017**, foreign and Russian nationals arriving in the cities of **Moscow, St Petersburg, Kazan, and Sochi** will be required to register with a local body of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The registration shall be obtained:

- By foreign nationals and stateless persons – **within 24 hours of arrival**
- By Russian citizens – **within 3 days of arrival**

The registration shall be obtained from a local body of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation; sending a notice by post is not permitted.

Currently, there are no official clarifications from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on how the Executive Order will be enforced. In particular, it is not

clear how the official bodies work on Saturday, Sunday, and 12 June 2017 (a public holiday). We recommend that non-Russian citizens refrain from arriving to Russia on weekends and public holidays within the period indicated.

Highly Qualified Specialists (HQS) who do not arrive to or leave Russia between 1 June 2017 and 12 July 2017 and whose 90-day grace period without registration at these cities has not yet expired will not need to be registered with the authorities under the Executive Order's requirements. The same applies to non-Russian citizens holding a residence permit/temporary residence permit. However, a non-Russian citizen holding a residence permit/temporary residence permit registered in a different region will have to obtain a temporary registration at his place of stay in these cities.

The new registration requirements shall not apply to the participants of the World Cup, the Confederation Cup, representatives of FIFA, subsidiaries of FIFA, as well as FIFA-listed Confederation or National Football Associations.

Foreign nationals coming to Russia on business and staying at hotels do not need to take any additional action. Hotels will ensure that they are registered with the migration authorities.

Failure to register in time may result in fines and possible deportation from Russia. We recommend that our clients in Russia take note of the above changes and ensure compliance with the registration requirements relating to their non-Russian employees and visitors.

Best regards,

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