



Amendments to a special immigration regime during the FIFA 2018 World Cup

On 12 May, the President of Russia signed a Decree aimed at introducing amendments to the earlier published Presidential Decree No. 202 of 9 May 2017 "On stricter security measures during the period of the FIFA 2018 World Cup [...]", which implements a special immigration regime for foreign citizens and stateless persons during the FIFA 2018 World Cup.

The territory of validity of the Decree's provisions remains the same – the special regime will be implemented in Volgograd, Yekaterinburg, Kazan, Kaliningrad, Moscow, Nizhniy Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Samara, St. Petersburg, Saransk, and Sochi from 25 May to 25 July 2018.

However, the revised text of the Decree increases the terms available for foreign citizens to obtain immigration registration from **one to three days upon arrival to their destination**.

Additionally, it is now permitted for the hosting party or the individual themselves to submit an application for immigration registration to the local branch of the Ministry of Interior **or through Multifunctional Centers**. Yet during the special regime, it will still not be possible to get registered via the Federal Post of Russia.

Due to time constraints, it is recommended that employers/hosts:

- Inform all foreign citizens and their dependents of the special regime requirements;
- Obtain immigration registrations for all foreign citizens irrespective of their immigration status prior to 25 May 2018;
- Ascertain the location and the working schedule of the local migration authority and the requirements for the application package.



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