



Bill on new procedure of immigration registration: third reading passed

A bill introducing substantial amendments to Federal Law No. FZ-109 of 18 July 2006 '**On immigration registration of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation**' passed the third reading at the State Duma of the Russian Federation on 7 June.

Once signed into law, this bill will bring about some serious changes into the immigration procedures for foreign nationals in Russia. Most likely, owners of the property where a foreigner resides will be held fully responsible for their tenant's immigration registration; on the contrary, employers will no longer qualify as the host/inviting party.

Now the bill is pending consideration by the Federation Council (the upper chamber of the Russian parliament). If promptly approved and signed into law by the President, it may enter into force in the coming few weeks, while the special immigration regime for the period of the FIFA World Cup 2018 is still in effect.

If your company has foreign employees, we strongly recommend that you inform all the involved parties (foreign nationals, their family members, and landlords) of the upcoming changes.

Deloitte's immigration team will keep you posted on how this bill progresses through the legislative process and advise on the necessary actions.



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