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To all our clients and friends

INFORMATION LETTER
regarding amendments to the Republic of Kazakhstan
legislation on migration issues

For the purposes of implementation of the Rules for Immigrant Entry and Stay in the RK¹ adopted in 2012 and amended in 2013, the RK Government approved a number of normative legal acts regulating the issues of documentary formalization of foreigners' stay in the RK territory. In particular, the RK Government approved the State Service Standard "Registration of Foreigners and Stateless Persons Temporarily Staying in the Republic of Kazakhstan"² (hereinafter, the "Standard") and new Migration Card Issue Rules³.

The said documents provide for a mechanism for issuing migration card to foreigners entering the RK and for carrying out registration of their passports through the "e-Government" web portal www.e.gov.kz (hereinafter, the "web portal").

Now foreigners have an opportunity to personally fill in and print out the migration card through visa and migration portal (www.vmp.gov.kz) before coming to the RK state border checkpoint. Furthermore, the Migration Card Issue Rules for the first time have settled on a regulatory basis the issue of migration card duplicate issuance in case of its loss or unintentional spoiling, and possibility to exit the RK in case of migration card absence.

As regards online registration of foreigners' passports, this is possible, provided that foreign citizens have electronic digital signature executed in the RK. In case a foreigner applies for registration via communication channels a registration insert to passport is sent to his/her "personal cabinet," a hardcopy of which may be printed out using any information application facility.

Should you have any additional questions in connection with this Information Letter, we would be happy to provide you with more detailed information.

Best regards,

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¹ Decree No. 148 of the RK Government "On Approval of the Rules for Immigrant Entry and Stay in, and Exit from, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Rules for Migration Control and Recording of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons Illegally Crossing the State Border of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Illegally Staying in the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Persons Prohibited to Enter the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan" dated 21 January 2012.

² Decree No. 113 of the RK Government "On Approval of the State Service Standards "Issuance of Pass to Enter the Border Area to Foreigners and Stateless Persons," "Execution of Invitations to the Republic of Kazakhstan under Private Matters and for the Purposes of Family Reunification" and "Registration of Foreigners and Stateless Persons Temporarily Staying in the Republic of Kazakhstan" dated 19 February 2014. The Decree enters force on 10 May 2014.

³ Decree No. 133 of the RK Government "On Approval of Migration Card Issue Rules and Introduction of Amendments into the Decree No. 148 of the RK Government of 21 January 2012 "On Approval of the Rules for Immigrant Entry and Stay in, and Exit from, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Rules for Migration Control and Recording of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons Illegally Crossing the State Border of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Illegally Staying in the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Persons Prohibited to Enter the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan" dated 24 February 2014. The Decree will enter force 10 days after its first official publication, currently pending publication.

