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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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Pursuant to Article 11 paragraph 3 of the Aliens Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia Nos. 130/2011 and 74/2013), the Government of the Republic of Croatia at its session of 13 May 2015 has adopted

REGULATION ON THE VISA REGIME

Article 1

This Regulation lays down the visa regime of the Republic of Croatia in accordance with Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 81, 21.03.2001), as last amended by Regulation (EU) No 509/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 149, 20.05.2014), as well as financial means that a third-country national requires in order to cover his/her subsistence during his/her short-term stay in the Republic of Croatia and return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

Article 2

Nationals of the following third countries, holders of valid diplomatic passports, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia:

- People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Nationals of the following third countries, holders of valid diplomatic and service passports, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia, unless stipulated otherwise by an international agreement:

- Republic of Armenia, Plurinational State of Bolivia, People's Republic of China, Republic of Colombia, Republic of Cuba, Georgia, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Kosovo, Republic of Moldova, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Peru, State of Qatar, Russian Federation, Republic of South Africa, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of Tunis, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Nationals of the following third countries, holders of valid diplomatic, service and special passports do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia, unless stipulated otherwise by an international agreement:

- Arab Republic of Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco, Republic of Turkey.

Article 3

Nationals of third countries, holders of valid diplomatic, service or ordinary passports, if they are accredited with the Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and if a seal of the Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs has been affixed to their passport and a special identity card has been issued to them, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia.

Article 4

Holders of valid special travel documents issued by the United Nations or its specialized institutions (*Laissez-Passer*), do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

Article 5

Nationals of third countries that are contracting states to the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944. (Official Gazette – International Agreements No. 1/96), holders of valid ordinary passports, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia if they are:

- civilian air crew members in the performance of their duties, provided that they are in the possession of an international crew member card (CMC), with the appropriate entry in the General Declaration.

Article 6

Nationals of third countries, holders of ordinary passports, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia if they are:

- crew and members of emergency or rescue missions in the event of disaster or accident.

Article 7

Holders of the following valid special travel documents or equally valid travel documents for aliens issued by third countries:

- travel documents for refugees issued by states signatories to the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 (Official Gazette – International Agreements No. 12/93),
- travel documents for stateless persons issued by states signatories to the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 September 1954 (Official Gazette – International Agreements No. 12/93),
- travel documents for aliens,

require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

Recognised refugees and stateless persons and other persons who do not hold the nationality of any country and reside in the United Kingdom or in Ireland and are holders of a travel document issued by the United Kingdom or Ireland, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

By way of exception from paragraph 1 of this Article, holders of travel documents for refugees or travel documents for stateless persons, issued in:

- Principality of Andorra, Japan, Canada, Principality of Monaco, Republic of San Marino, United States of America and the Holy See,

do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

By way of exception from paragraph 1 of this Article, holders of valid travel documents for aliens issued in:

- Principality of Andorra, Japan, Canada, Principality of Monaco, Republic of San Marino, United States of America and the Holy See,

do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and to stay for up to 90 days in any 180-day period or to transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia, if the holder's return to the issuing country is guaranteed.

Article 8

A third-country national shall prove that he/she has sufficient financial means to cover his/her subsistence during his/her stay in the Republic of Croatia and his/her return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

When a third-country national enters the Republic of Croatia, a body in charge of state border crossing control is authorized to request him/her to present financial means necessary to cover his/her subsistence during his/her stay in the Republic of Croatia and return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

The amount of financial means from paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article is fixed at the equivalent of 70 € (in words: seventy euros) per day of the estimated stay in the Republic of Croatia.

If a third-country national is in possession of a certified letter of guarantee by a natural or legal person from the Republic of Croatia, proof of a tourist booking or a similar document, he/she shall present proof that he/she possesses the amount equivalent to 30 € (in words: thirty euros) per day of the estimated stay in the Republic of Croatia.

By way of exception from paragraph 1 of this Article, if a third-country national is in possession of a certified letter of guarantee by a natural or legal person from the Republic of Croatia from which it is evident that the guarantor fully assumes all costs related to stay and leaving the Republic of Croatia, the third-country national is exempted from the obligation to prove the possession of means referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 9

On the date of the entry into force of this Regulation, the Regulation on the Visa Regime (Official Gazette Nos. 54/12 and 38/13) shall cease to have effect.

Article 10

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 8th day following its publication in the Official Gazette.

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