

UPDATE ON INDONESIAN IMMIGRATION REGULATION

Directorate General of immigration issued Circular Letter No. IMI-GR.01.01-2325 TAHUN 2020 concerning Temporary Restriction for Foreigners to Enter Territory of the Republic of Indonesia, with the following pointers:

This regulation is effective since 2 April 2020, 00.00 WIB (Indonesian Western Time) effective for overall institutions such as:

- a. Embassies in Indonesia
- : 1) <u>To reject all visa application</u>, except for Foreigners working on National Strategic Project with the approval of the Director General of Immigration with the following requirements:
 - i. Provide health certificate in English issued by health authorities from respective countries;
 - ii. Has been staying for 14 days in the territory/state free of COVID-19;
 - iii. Providing statement willing to be quarantined for 14 (fourteen) days executed by the government of Indonesia.
 - iv. Declare that all paid government fees to be **non-refundable.**
- b. Immigration officers
- : 1) To scrutinize any incoming foreigners into Indonesia;
 - 2) To reject entry for foreigners into Indonesia with status as holders of:
 - i. Expired **Permanent Stay Permit (KITAP)**;
 - ii. Expired Work and Stay Permit (KITAS);
 - iii. Free Visit Visa and On Arrival Visa (Visa Kunjungan Saat Kedatangan/VKSK);
 - iv. Holder of Business Visa (VKUBP, VK 211A, VK 211B, ABTC, Visa Singgah, Visa Singgah Saat Kedatangan Diplomatik and Working Holiday Visa);
 - v. Holder of diplomatic passports which does not have diplomatic visa or diplomatic stay permit in Indonesia, which will later use Temporary Free Visit Diplomatic Visa (Bebas Visa Kunjungan Sementara Diplomatik);
 - vi. Holder of official passports which does not have official visa or official stay permit in Indonesia, which will later use Temporary Free Visit Official Visa (Bebas Visa Kunjungan Sementara Dinas).

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- 3) Rejection of entry for foreigner into Indonesia shall be based on applicable government regulation
- 4) Entry for foreigners under the category of Medical, food assistance and support personnels for humanitarian purposes; and Foreigners employed on National Strategic Projects, shall refer to approval from the Head Section of Inspection;

5) Grant entry for holders of:

- i. <u>Valid Permanent Stay Permit (KITAP) and Work and</u> Stay Permit (KITAS);
- ii. Diplomatic/ Official Visa/Stay Permit issued by Indonesia embassy
- iii. Holder of foreign passport registered as WNI in APK SIMKIM version 2 and holding proof of entry and WNI, but unable to submit proof of affidavit;
- iv. Crew of transport vehicle (Air, sea or land transport)
- 6) Crew on point v. shall meet the following criteria:
 - i. Active crew in the transport;
 - ii. Extra crew on board the same transport vehicle which shall be on duty as active crew, by providing: a) notification in writing from transport company to immigration official; b) submission such notification at least 2 hours prior to the immigration official; c)submitting crew member certificate during inspection at immigration; d) such extra crew is from the same air transport company which enters Indonesia.

7) <u>Sea freight crew are forbidden to leave their ship, unless for emergency conditions;</u>

- 8) To consider every foreigners indicated overstay as holder of automatic emergency stay permit;
- 9) Shall allow exit for all holder of automatic emergency stay permit without considering the date of entry;
- 10) Exit permit shall be issued without consulting to superior to avoid delay;
- 11) Officer shall consult with <u>Head Section of Inspection for</u> holders of automatic emergency stay permit which was

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identified to have stayed before 1 January 2020 with expiration stay permit of more than 60 days;

- c. Inspection
 - The Head Section of: 12) To conduct thorough inspection on formal and material validity of the documents and assume absolute responsibility concerning the decision of grant/rejection of entry on point 4 and 11.
 - 13) Conduct register on foreigners which was identified to have stayed before 1 January 2020 with expiration stay permit of more than 60 days, as consideration of Head of Immigration Office to conduct blacklisting;
- d. Head of Immigration Office and appointed **Immigration Officer**
- 1) To automatically grant extension or exemption for holders of expiring/ non extendable stay permit, by granting automatic emergency stay permit without any application and oct;
- 2) Granting of such automatic emergency stay permit as mentioned in point 1) to replace current non renewable stay permit due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- 3) Relieve the obligation to return immigration document to the Immigration Office for holders of KITAS and KITAP holders which shall leave Indonesia and will not return during COVID-19 epidemic;
- 4) For sea crew which shall exit Indonesian territory without his/her transport ship shall be exempted from applying Exit Permit Only (EPO) by considering the availability of transport means capable of transporting such person outside of Indonesia.
- **Immigration**

Head of Division of : To supervise and control the execution of Immigration permit grants as mentioned in point c and d.

f. System

- : 1. To support accountability of function and duty of immigration inspection stations concerning completion of departures for automatic emergency stay permit holder, SIMKIM Immigration Transit App version 2 app shall mark every border traffic flow with overstay indication since 2 April 2020, 00.00 WIB
 - 2. Transaction recaps of departures for automatic emergency stay permit holder shall be done on monthly basis.

g. Reports : Head of Indonesian Representative shall report the immigration process as mentioned in point 5)b to the Ministry of Foreign

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Affairs and Ministry of Law and Republic of Indonesia with cc to relevant Unit Head of Echelon I.

Head of Immigration office in Indonesia shall shall report the immigration process as mentioned in point 5.c and d. to the Plt of Director General of Immigration, Secretary General, Inspector General, All Advanced High Management at Director General of Immigration, Head of Regional Office of Ministry of Law and Republic of Indonesia and respective Head of Immigration.

In the event that COVID-19 has been declared over by authorized institutions, immigration process at Indonesian Embassy Abroad, Immigration Inspection Office and Immigration Office shall adhere to applicable legal regulation.

Epilogue h.

