

TRANSLATION

General order on granting legal basis for the temporary stay in Estonia

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Pursuant to clause 43 (1) 5) and subsection 50 (1) of the Aliens Act, clause 40 (3) 6) of the Administrative Procedure Act and subsection 10 (2) of the Minister of the Interior regulation no 33 of 17 July 2014 “Statutes of the Police and Border Guard Board”, and according to Government of the Republic order no 76 of 12 March 2020 “Declaration of state of emergency in the administrative territory of Estonia” and regarding the need to prevent and combat the emergency situation in the Republic of Estonia, caused by the spread of virus causing SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) disease.

1. An alien, whose legal basis expires following the declaration of state of emergency with Government of the Republic order no 76 of 12 March 2020, has a right to legal temporary stay in the Republic of Estonia if the following conditions are met:
 - 1.1 Person was staying legally in Estonia on 12 March 2020 on the basis listed in section 43 of the Aliens Act and
 - 1.2 Person is unable to return to his/her country of residence due to its classification as a high-risk area by the Health Board or due to limited or restricted state border crossing.
2. This general order is the legal basis for temporary stay in Estonia of aliens complying with the general specifications set out in this order, within the meaning of clause 43 (1) 5) of the Aliens Act, granting an alien right to stay in Estonia, arising directly from the administrative act, for the period of 10 days after the termination of state of emergency in order to organize the departure from the country.
3. Communication Bureau shall make this general order publicly available on the webpage of the Police and Border Guard Board, in social media and other media channels.
4. I assign the control over the execution of this general order to the head of Identity and Status Bureau, Head of Integrated Border Management Bureau, heads of the Border Guard Bureaus of the prefectures, Head of the Criminal Bureau of the West Prefecture and heads of the Border and Migration Surveillance Divisions.
5. This general order enters into force retroactively starting from 12 March 2020.
6. Records Management and Translation Bureau shall communicate the general order to the entire personnel of the Police and Border Guard Board.

(Signed digitally)

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Inspector General of Police
Director General