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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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Pursuant to Article 12 paragraph 3 of the Aliens Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia No. 133/2020), the Government of the Republic of Croatia, at its session of 19 August 2021, adopted

REGULATION ON THE VISA REGIME

Article 1

This Regulation lays down:

- the visa regime of the Republic of Croatia;
- the amount of financial means required from a third-country national to have at disposal to ensure coverage of his/her subsistence during the short stay in the Republic of Croatia and of his/her return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

Article 2

This Regulation enables implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 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 303, 28/11/2018) as amended by the Regulation (EU) 2019/592 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 April 2019 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 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, as regards the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union (OJ L 103I, 12/4/2019).

Article 3

Nationals of the following third countries are not required a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and stay, not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, or to transit the territory of the Republic of Croatia if they are:

- (1) holders of valid diplomatic passports:
 - People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Republic of Fiji Islands, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- (2) holders of valid diplomatic and service passports:
 - Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Plurinational State of Bolivia, People's Republic of China, Republic of Cuba, Republic of Ecuador, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Kosovo, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of the Philippines, Russian Federation, Republic of South Africa, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of Tunis, Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- (3) holders of valid diplomatic, service and special passports:
 - Arab Republic of Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco, Republic of Turkey and
- (4) holders of valid diplomatic and special passports:
 - State of Kuwait, State of Qatar.

Article 4

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

Article 5

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

Article 6

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, are not required a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and stay, not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, or to transit the territory of the Republic of Croatia if they are civilian air crew members in performance of their duties, provided they are in possession of an international crew member card (CMC), with the appropriate entry in the General Declaration.

Article 7

Nationals of third countries, holders of valid ordinary passports, are not required a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and stay, not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, or to transit the territory of the Republic of Croatia if they are aircraft or vessel crew members or support staff of emergency or rescue missions in the event of natural disaster or accident.

Article 8

(1) 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), or
- travel documents for aliens,

are required a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and stay, not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, or to transit the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

(2) By way of derogation from paragraph 1 of this Article, recognised refugees and stateless persons and other persons who do not hold nationality of any country and who reside in Ireland and are holders of a valid travel document issued by Ireland, are not required a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and stay, not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, or to transit the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

(3) By way of derogation from paragraph 1 of this Article, recognised refugees and stateless persons who are residents and holders of a travel document issued by Principality of Andorra, Canada, the Holy See, Japan, Principality of Monaco, Republic of San Marino, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America, are not required a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia and stay, not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, or to transit the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

Article 9

(1) A third-country national is obliged to provide proof of sufficient financial means to cover his/her subsistence during the short stay in the Republic of Croatia and

his/her return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

(2) When a third-country national enters the Republic of Croatia, the authorities responsible for state border control are authorized to request him/her proof of sufficient financial means to cover his/her subsistence during the stay in the Republic of Croatia and his/her return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

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

(4) If a third-country national is in possession of a certified letter of guarantee by a natural or a legal person from the Republic of Croatia, proof of a tourist booking or a similar document, he/she is required to provide proof of having at disposal the amount equivalent to 30 € (thirty Euros) per day of the intended stay in the Republic of Croatia.

(5) By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 4 of this Article, if a third-country national is in possession of a certified letter

of guarantee by a natural or a legal person from the Republic of Croatia from which it is evident that the guarantor fully assumes all costs related to his/her stay in and departure from the Republic of Croatia, the third-country national is exempted from the obligation to provide proof of means referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 10

The day of entry into force of this Regulation, the Regulation on the Visa Regime (Official Gazette No. 55/15) shall cease to have effect.

Article 11

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

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