

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

DECISION

No 1147 -N of 10 November 2016

ON ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE BORDER GUARD TROOPS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, THE POLICE OF REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA OR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DETENTION FACILITIES TO RECEIVE AN ASYLUM REQUEST AND PASS IT TO THE AUTHORIZED BODY

In accordance with Article 46, part 4 of the Republic of Armenia Law “On Refugees and Asylum”, the Government of the Republic of Armenia **decides**:

1. To establish the procedure for the Border Guard Troops of the National Security Service under the Government of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Armenia Police under the Government of the Republic of Armenia or the Administration of Detention Facilities to receive an asylum request and pass it to the authorized body, according to the Annex.

2. This decision shall enter into force on the day following its official promulgation.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia
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14 November 2016, Yerevan

PROCEDURE

FOR THE BORDER GUARD TROOPS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA POLICE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA OR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DETENTION FACILITIES TO RECEIVE AN ASYLUM REQUEST AND PASS IT TO THE AUTHORIZED BODY

1. This procedure regulates the relations connected with receiving by the divisions of the Border Guard Troops of the National Security Service under the RA Government located at the RA state border crossing points (hereinafter referred to as “border guards”), the territorial agencies of the RA Police under the RA Government (hereinafter referred to as the “Police”) and the administration of detention facilities, of asylum requests filed by foreign citizens or stateless persons at the border crossing points of the Republic of Armenia, on the territory of the Republic of Armenia or at detention facilities, and passing them to the State Migration Service of the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development (hereinafter referred to as the “Service”).

2. Border guards shall inform a foreign citizen or stateless person who holds documents authorizing his/her crossing of the RA state border and has filed an asylum request at the RA state border crossing points, of the necessity to go to the Service providing him/her the full name, address and telephone numbers of the Service.

3. Border guards shall interview a foreign citizen or stateless person who has been rejected relevant documents or an RA entry visa or has entered the Republic of Armenia illegally, and has filed an asylum request at the RA state border crossing points. The interview is held to find out the data of the person who has filed an asylum request and of his/her family members as well as the route by which he/she has travelled to the Republic of Armenia from his/her country of origin.

4. Border guards shall register an asylum request submitted at the RA state border crossing points, in the register of the form established by the Joint Decree No 35-N dated 29 October 2009 of the RA Minister of Territorial Administration, the Commander of the Border Guard Troops of the National Security Service under the RA Government and the Chief of the RA Police under the RA Government.

5. Registration of an asylum request cannot be rejected on the grounds that the person submitting the asylum request does not have travel or identification documents or a visa.

6. Where an asylum seeker does not have travel or other identification documents, the person’s data shall be registered in the register, based on the information provided by him/her.

7. Asylum seekers who do not have any documents or have been rejected an RA entry visa or have entered the Republic of Armenia illegally shall be led into special accommodation facilities located in the transit zone or equipped for that purpose in the area of the border crossing point, and shall be kept there pursuant to the procedure established by

the RA Government Decision No 783-N of 18 July 2013 until the asylum claim is received and registered.

8. Once an asylum request is registered in the register, border guards shall inform the Service about it orally over the phone.

9. Persons who have submitted an asylum request shall be provided an informative brochure in different languages on the rights and responsibilities of asylum seekers in RA as well as asylum procedures, drafted jointly by the Service and the UNHCR Office in Armenia.

10. Border Guards shall hand asylum seekers who have arrived at the RA state border crossing points over to an officer of the Service, based on a handover report (the form is attached).

11. An asylum request filed with the Police as well as the administration of detention facilities shall be received and passed to the Service pursuant to this procedure.

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