

DECREE
Of the President of the Russian Federation
“On Streamlining State Management in the Sphere of Migration Policy”

For the purpose of streamlining state management in the sphere of migration policy, I shall rule as follows:

1. It shall be established that the RF Ministry of Interior, in addition to its functions as per the current RF legislation, shall perform functions of a federal executive migration service agency.

The RF Ministry of Interior shall be authorised:

- a) to elaborate proposals as regards the principal areas of state migration policy;
- b) to elaborate and submit proposals in accordance with the duly established procedure on the ways to improve the legal management of migration-related issues;
- c) to co-ordinate the activities of federal executive agencies and executive agencies of the RF constituent members aimed at the implementation of the state migration policy;
- d) to implement, within its terms of reference, the RF legislation on refugees and forced migrants;
- e) to participate in the realisation of the established procedure for granting political asylum to foreign nationals and stateless persons;
- f) to take measures, in accordance with the RF legislation and RF international treaties, in the sphere of management of external labour migration with the objective of enlisting foreign labour force to work in Russia and ensuring job placement of RF citizens outside the Russian Federation;
- g) to elaborate and implement measures to prevent and curb illegal migration, to carry out immigration control with regard to foreign nationals and stateless persons;
- h) to draft proposals on the allocation of funds from the federal budget according to the duly established procedure and identification of other sources of financing for the purpose of implementation of the state migration policy and exercise control over spending of the designated funds;
- i) to participate, within its terms of reference, in the development and implementation of RF international treaties in the sphere of migration.

2. The Federal Migration Service of the RF Ministry of Interior shall be affiliated with the headquarters of the RF Ministry of Interior.
3. The territorial bodies of the disbanded Ministry for Federal Affairs, National and Migration Policy of the RF shall be transformed into migration units under the ministries of interior, directorates or chief directorates of interior of the RF constituent members.

The representation offices of the disbanded Ministry for Federal Affairs, National and Migration Policy of the RF based in the Republic of Armenia, Kirghiz Republic, Republic of Latvia, Republics of Tadjikistan and Turkmenistan shall be transformed into representation offices for migration of the RF Ministry of Interior in the Republic of Armenia, Kirghiz Republic, Republic of Latvia, Republics of Tadjikistan and Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as representation offices for migration of the RF Ministry of Interior based abroad).

4. There shall be 280 civil servant posts established within the Federal Migration Service of the RF Ministry of Interior (excluding security and maintenance staff), and their wages fund shall be established at Rbl 3,840,500 per quarter.
5. The maximum numerical staff strength of migration units under the ministries of interior, directorates or chief directorates of interior of the RF constituent members shall be established at 2,935 posts (excluding security and maintenance staff), and their wages fund shall be established at Rbl 36,716,300 per quarter.
6. It shall be established that Deputy RF Minister of Interior – Head of the Federal Migration Service of the RF Ministry of Interior shall be in charge of the Federal Migration Service of the RF Ministry of Interior.
7. The activities of the RF Ministry of Interior shall be covered by the following acts of the RF legislation:
 - normative legal acts issued by the RF President and RF Government in the sphere of state migration policy pending the issuance of relevant normative legal acts by the RF President and RF Government;
 - normative legal acts issued by the disbanded Ministry for Federal Affairs, National and Migration Policy of the RF and the FMS of Russia related to the implementation of the RF legislation in the sphere of state migration policy pending the issuance of relevant normative legal acts by the RF Ministry of Interior.
8. The RF Minister of Interior shall be given the right
 - to address issues, in accordance with the RF legislation on civil service, related to doing federal civil service at the RF Ministry of Interior;
 - to appoint and dismiss staff members of representation offices for migration of the RF Ministry of Interior based abroad in coordination with the RF Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
9. The RF Ministry of Interior shall undertake the required administrative measures with the objective of creating the Federal Migration Service of the RF Ministry of Interior and migration units under the ministries of interior, directorates or chief directorates of interior of the RF constituent members.

10. The RF Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall hold appropriate negotiations with the Armenian, Kirghiz, Latvian, Tadjik and Turkmenistan sides and upon reaching an agreement, formalize the required documents.

11. The RF Government shall

- identify sources of financing the maintenance expenses of the Federal Migration Service of the RF Ministry of Interior and of migration units under the ministries of interior, directorates or chief directorates of interior of the RF constituent members, as well as those of representation offices for migration of the RF Ministry of Interior based abroad;
- establish a list of staff members of representation offices for migration of the RF Ministry of Interior based abroad;
- draw up a list of organisations and items of property owned by the now disbanded Ministry for Federal Affairs, National and Migration Policy of the RF as of October 16, 2001 transferred for ownership to the RF Ministry of Interior;
- submit proposals within three months, in accordance with the established procedure, on amendments and changes to be introduced to the normative legal acts of the RF President in connection with the issuance of this Decree.

12. This Decree shall come into force on the day of its official promulgation.

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PRESIDENT

OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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