## DECREE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

## On interim measures to regulate the legal situation of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation in connection with the threat of further spread of new coronavirus infection (COVID-19)

In order to regulate the legal situation of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation and to prevent the further spread of new coronavirus infection (COVID-19), in accordance with article 80 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, d e c r e e:

1. Suspend for the period from March 15 to June 15, 2020 inclusive duration of:

a) the terms of temporary stay, temporary or permanent residence of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation, the terms for which foreign citizens and stateless persons are placed at their place of residence or registered at their place of residence, if such terms expire within the specified period;

b) the terms of stay outside the Russian Federation of the participants of the State Program to assist voluntary relocation to the Russian Federation of compatriots living abroad, members of their families, persons who have received a temporary residence permit or a residence permit, if the persons are unable of opportunity to enter the Russian Federation before the expiration of the 6-month period of stay outside the Russian Federation required to decide on annulment of the certificate of the participant of the State Program to facilitate voluntary relocation to the Russian Federation of compatriots living abroad (hereinafter referred to as the certificate of the participant of the State Program), temporary residence permit or residence permit;

c) the terms of voluntary departure from the Russian Federation of foreign citizens and stateless persons against whom a decision has been taken on administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation, on deportation or transfer to a foreign State in accordance with the international treaty of the Russian Federation on readmission;

d) validity of the following documents, which within the specified period expires: the visa, permission to temporary residence, the residence permit, the migration card with the marks which are put down in it with the expiring validity periods, the refugee certificate, the certificate on consideration of the petition for recognition by the refugee in the territory of the Russian Federation in essence, the certificate on granting provisional asylum in the territory of the Russian Federation, the certificate of the participant of the State program, the work permit, the patent, permission to attraction and use of foreign workers.

2. Establish that between March 15 and June 15, 2020 inclusive:

a) employers and customers of works (services), provided that they comply with the established restrictions and other measures aimed at ensuring the sanitary and epidemiological well-being of the population, have the right, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, to attract and use as employees:

foreign citizens and stateless persons who have arrived in the Russian Federation in a procedure requiring a visa and who do not have a work permit in the Russian Federation (if employers and customers have a work (service) permit to attract and use foreign workers);

foreign nationals and stateless persons who have arrived in the Russian Federation in a manner that does not require a visa and do not hold patents; b) no decision is taken against foreign citizens and stateless persons as to whether their stay (accommodation) is undesirable, about administrative exclusion out of borders of the Russian Federation, about deportation or transfer to the foreign state according to the international treaty of the Russian Federation on a readmission, the decision on deprivation of the status of the refugee, provisional asylum, on cancellation of earlier issued visas, work permits, patents, permissions to temporary residence, residence permits, certificates of the participant of the State program.

3. This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

<u>Stamped</u> Round Stamp Office President of the Russian Federation

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