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Legal status of foreigners and changes in the activities of Migration Authorities: COVID-19

Midway through the second week of quarantine, we share some important highlights on the legal status of foreigners and changes in the activities of Migration Authorities in the context of COVID-19.

By restricting persons' travels to other countries during the quarantine period, foreigners whose legal stay ended during this period may continue to lawfully stay on the territory of Lithuania for the entire quarantine period. Such foreigners will not be deported to the country of origin and will not be subject to administrative liability for illegal stay.

However, at the end of the quarantine, such foreigners will have to leave the territory of Lithuania within the prescribed "tolerance" period. Though, which specific period will be considered as "tolerable" has not been announced yet, so we can only speculate and guess that such a period may tentatively vary from a few days to several weeks.

In terms of regular services to the foreigners, almost all the services, except live consulting and citizenship reinstatement, continue to be provided as usual. However, only foreigners having in advance online registrations through www.migracija.lt will be serviced, and all other persons with no prior registrations will not be accepted. So, if a particular migration office is unable to book a visit in advance, a foreigner should register in another nearest office. Also, already made residency documents or visas may be issued by booking in advance visit or, in case there is no booking possibility, by contacting the Migration Department and agreeing on the exact issuance time.

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