



UPDATE on restrictions initiated in relation to the COVID-19 epidemic

Additional security measures have been imposed in Russia and in Moscow in connection with the COVID-19 epidemic

On 16 March 2020, the Russian Government issued Order No. 635-p (the Order) to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic in Russia and the Mayor of Moscow issued Decree No. 21-YM (the Decree) specifying measures to be taken by companies and individuals in relation to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Under the Order:

- access to Russia will be restricted for foreign citizens and stateless persons (including citizens of Belarus and foreign citizens and stateless persons arriving from Belarus but excluding foreign citizens and stateless persons who permanently reside in Russia and some other categories of individuals) from 18 March 2020 until 1 May 2020; and
- applications for invitations to enter Russia for employment and study, as well as for work permits and permits to employ and engage foreign individuals, and for all visa categories (with limited exceptions), will temporarily not be accepted. This restriction applies from 18 March 2020 and the end date for the restriction is not specified.

The Decree:

- confirms requirements (a) for individuals to self-isolate after visiting countries severely affected by COVID-19; and (b) for companies to monitor their employees' temperatures and to restrict access to workplaces for employees with higher temperatures and for employees required to self-isolate provided by the Mayor of Moscow Decrees Nos. 5-YM and 20-YM (please see our news alert dated 16 March 2020 for more detail); and
- updates the list of countries considered severely affected by coronavirus, which is now as follows:

China;
South Korea;
all countries of the European Union and Great Britain;
Serbia;
Albania;
Northern Macedonia;
Montenegro;
Andorra;
Norway;
Switzerland;
Iceland;
Monaco;
Lichtenstein;
Moldova;
Belarus;
Ukraine;
Bosnia and Herzegovina;
the Vatican,
San-Marino; and
the USA.

We will keep you further updated in relation to the COVID-19 epidemic.

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