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# **EXECUTIVE POWER DECREES VARIOUS DOCUMENTS GOVERNANCE AND POLICE**

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# **EXECUTIVE POWER**

## **DECREES**

**No. 42238 – MGP –S**

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,  
THE MINISTER OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICE,  
AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

In the exercise of the powers and attributions conferred to by articles 21, 50, 140, clause 3) and 18) and 146) of the Political Constitution; and article 25 clause 1), article 27 clause 1), article 28 clause 2) sub-heading b) of the General Law of Public Administration number 6227 of May 2<sup>nd</sup> of 1978; and articles 4, 6, 7, 160, 177, 337, 338, 340, 341, 355 and 356 of the General Law of Health Number 5395 of October 30<sup>th</sup> 1973; and articles 2 clause b), c) and e) of the Organic Law of the Ministry of Health Number 5412 of November 8<sup>th</sup> 1973, articles 2, article 56, article 61 clause 2) and 6), articles 63, 64 and 65 of the General Law of Migration and Immigration number 8764 of August 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, and

**WHEREAS:**

- I. That articles 21 and 50 of the Political Constitution govern the fundamental rights to life and health of people, as well as the wellbeing of the population, that are constituted into legal assets of public interest in which the State is inexorably obligated to safeguard the health of its population through the adoption of measures that defend against all and any threat or hazard.
- II. That articles 1, 4, 6, 7, 337, 338, 341, 355 and 356 of the General Law of Health number 5395 of October 30<sup>th</sup> of 1973, and article 2 clause b) and c), and article 57 of the Organic Law of the Ministry of Health number 5412 of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1973 govern the obligation of safeguarding the legal assets of life and public health by the Executive Power through the Ministry of Health, and that the health of the population is an asset of public interest guarded by the State, and that the laws, regulations and administrative provisions related to health are of public order, and that in case of conflict will prevail over any other provision of formal equal validity.
- III. That on January 30<sup>th</sup> of 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) alerted the detection of a new type of Coronavirus disease in the City of Wuhan in the Province of Hubei, China that has provoked fatalities in several countries around the world. The CoronaVirus (CoV) disease is a broad virus spectrum that can cause different types of affectations; from the common cold up to more severe affectations, such as the Coronavirus that causes the

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), as well as the current illness that causes the CoronaVirus Disease 2019, known as COVID19.

- IV. That due the aforementioned, as of January of this year 2020, the Executive Power has activated several protocols to confront the international sanitary epidemiological alert in order to adopt sanitary measures that will help mitigate its impact on the population residing in Costa Rica.
- V. That on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the first case of COVID19 was positively confirmed in Costa Rica after obtaining the respective clinical results from the Costa Rican Institute for Research and Training in Nutrition and Health (INCIENSA). As of this date the number of confirmed cases has increased.
- VI. That, as of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the public health outbreak emergency situation caused by COVID19 to the level of Global Pandemic. The quick evolution of the facts, nationally and internationally, demands the adoption of immediate and effective measures to confront this outbreak. The extraordinary circumstances that have coincided constitute - without a doubt – an unprecedented sanitary crisis of colossal magnitude, due to the extremely high number of affected individuals, as well as the extraordinary risk to life and its rights.
- VII. That through Executive Decree number 42227-MP-S issued on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, a National Emergency Outbreak Alert was declared for the entire national territory of the Republic of Costa Rica due to the sanitary situation provoked by COVID19.
- VIII. That in conformance with sections 2, 56, 60, 61, 63 and 64 of the General Law on Migration and Immigration, Law Number 8764 of August 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, the Executive Power has the authority to impose restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals due to public health reasons, and not allowing the entry into the national territory by applying the figure of Rejection of Entry.
- IX. That due to the current epidemiological situation caused by COVID19 in the national territory and internationally, the Executive Power is called upon to reinforce the preventative measures – adhered to the current valid normative – regarding the risk of advancement of such outbreak due to the characteristics of the virus mainly resulting from the quick and easy transmission of symptoms, but also from individuals without manifested symptoms in locations of high migration movements, or coming from different parts of the world, provoking the subsequent saturation of health services that may hinder the timely care and attention of individuals that may fall gravely ill; and therefore it is imminent to take the immediate action established by this Executive Decree in order to prevent the transmission and increase of cases of COVID19.

Therefore,

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## **MIGRATION SANITARY MEASURES**

### **TO PREVENT THE EFFECTS OF COVID19**

**ARTICLE 1.-** The migration sanitary measures provisioned in this Executive Decree are issued with the purpose of preventing and mitigating the risk or harm to public health, and attend to the national emergency outbreak alert issued by Executive Decree Number 42227-MP-S on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, with the purpose of safeguarding the wellbeing of all individuals that habitually reside within the national territory of Costa Rica against the effects of COVID19.

**ARTICLE 2.-** In conformance with article 63 of the General Law of Migration and Immigration, Law Number 8764 of August 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, and the national emergency outbreak alert declared through Executive Decree number 42227-MP-S of March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, the temporary entry of foreign nationals is restricted under the Non Resident Migration Category, subcategory Tourism, contemplated in article 87 clause 1) of the General Law of Migration and Immigration; either via air, maritime, land or river.

The General Directorate of Migration and Immigration must adopt the actions under its competence to comply with the provisions of entry restriction stipulated in the previous paragraph of this Article, as per the General Law on Migration and Immigration. Furthermore, through an internal order, this Directorate may revise such entry restrictions into the national territory in coordination with the Ministry of Health in accordance with the respective technical criteria.

**ARTICLE 3.-** The following exceptions are stipulated to the restrictions established in Article 2 of this Executive Decree:

- a) International land, air and ocean modes of transportation of merchandise or cargo, subjected to the provisions set forth in Article 5 of this Executive Decree.
- b) Individuals that are currently processing or that have a regular migration presence in the country under the migration categories of permanent residence, temporary residence, special categories or non-residence under the visitation subcategory. All foreign nationals must demonstrate current and valid migration category when entering the country.
- c) Individuals that are duly accredited in the country as diplomatic agents, consular officials, and members of diplomatic missions, members of permanent missions or international organization delegations headquartered in Costa Rica. This exception covers the primary family core of such accredited individuals, under the terms established in article 4 of the General Law on Migration and Immigration, and subject to the provisions of ordinal number 4 of this Executive Decree.
- d) The individuals that form part of international air or maritime transportation crews, subject to the provisions of article 5 of this Executive Decree.
- e) The individuals that perform international transit duties at airport terminals; entry of such individuals are not allowed beyond the boarding areas of the respective airports.

For the case contemplated under clause e) of this article, the General Directorate of Civil Aviation must issue the corresponding provisions related to international flight connections.

**ARTICLE 4.-** In conformance with articles 147 and 161 of the General Law on Health, Law number 5395, all national citizens - as well as the individuals indicated in clause b) and c) of the previous ordinal number – that enter the country as of the effective date of this Executive Decree must abide by the sanitary preventative measures set forth by the Ministry of Health to restrict the effects of COVID19.

Due to this, Officers of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration that have the necessary competency to exercise migration controls in the country at the designated air, maritime, river and land migration control posts are designated and authorized to act as Sanitary Authorized Officials, and issue to the individuals indicated in the previous paragraph the respective sanitary isolation order for a period of 14 natural days.

The authorities of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration must submit a copy of the sanitary orders issued to the Ministry of Health for the corresponding actions.

**ARTICLE 5.-** The General Directorate of Migration and Immigration must take all the necessary and pertinent actions within their competence so that the individuals that work in the land, air and maritime international transportation of merchandise or cargo, as well as the individuals that form part of international air or maritime transportation crews fully comply and abide by the guidelines and sanitary measures issued by the Ministry of Health regarding COVID19.

**ARTICLE 6.-** The restriction measures to enter the country set forth in article 2 of this Executive Decree is therefore in full force and effect as of 23:59 hours of Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> of 2020 until 23:59 hours of Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. This restriction is applicable to all migration control posts enabled for the entry of individuals, either via air, maritime, land or river means. The validity of this measure will be revised and analyzed by the Executive Power in conformance with the epidemiological trend of COVID19.

**ARTICLE 7.-** The General Directorate of Migration and Immigration is authorized to adopt all necessary administrative measures in order to attain the objective of this Executive Decree, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID19 according to article 13 clause 36) of the General Law on Migration and Immigration.

**ARTICLE 8.-** The General Directorate of Migration and Immigration is authorized to adopt all necessary alternate measures, or of exception to this Executive Decree under the utmost intention of public interest or for the case of humanity with the corresponding coordination with the Ministry of Health regarding COVID19.

**ARTICLE 9.-** This Executive Decree is fully in effect as of 23:59 hours of Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Issued by Presidency of the Republic in the city of San Jose on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

CARLOS ALVARADO QUESADA.- The Minister of Governance and Police, Michael Soto Rojas.- The Minister of Health, Daniel Salas Peraza. Once. Exonerated. (D42238 – IN2020446648).

# **VARIOUS DOCUMENTS**

## **GOVERNANCE AND POLICE**

### **GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION**

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. DJUR-043-03-2019-JM**

**THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICE. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION.** San Jose at 15:00 hours on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. The following temporary administrative measures for the attention of external users are established by virtue of articles 4, 6, 7, 337, 338, 340, 341, 355 and 356 of the General Law on Health Number 5395 of October 30<sup>th</sup> 1973; article 2 clause b) and c), and article 57 of the Organic Law of the Ministry of Health Number 5412 of November 8<sup>th</sup> 1973; and articles 2 and 13 clause 36) of the General Law on Migration and Immigration; Directive Number 073-S-MTSS of March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 undersigned by the President of the Republic, the Minister of Health and by the Minister of Labor and Social Security, and Executive Decree Number 42227-MP-S of March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020.

#### **WHEREAS,**

- I. That articles 21 and 50 of the Political Constitution govern the fundamental rights to life and health of people, as well as the wellbeing of the population, that are constituted into legal assets of public interest in which the State is inexorably obligated to safeguard the health of its population through the adoption of measures that defend against all and any threat or hazard.
- II. That, in conformance with the Law, the obligation of safeguarding the legal assets of life and public health must be enforced by the Executive Power through the Ministry of Health.
- III. That through Executive Decree number 42227-MP-S issued on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, a National Emergency Outbreak Alert was declared for the entire national territory of the Republic of Costa Rica due to the sanitary situation provoked by COVID19.
- IV. That articles 1 and 7 of the General Law on Health Number 5395 establishes that the health of the population is an asset of public interest safeguarded by the State, and its laws, regulations and administrative provisions related to health are of public order, and that in case of conflict will prevail over any other provision of formal equal validity without detriment of the attributions conferred by Law to the autonomous institution of the health sector.
- V. That articles 4, 6, 7, 337, 338, 340, 341, 355 and 356 of the General Law of Health Number 5395 of October 30<sup>th</sup> 1973, including ordinal numbers 2 clause b) and c), and 57 of the Organic Law of the Ministry of Health Number 5412 of November 8<sup>th</sup> 1973 establishes that the health norms are of public order and the Ministry of Health is the

competent authority to order and set any special measures to prevent the risk or harm to the health of people and resolve sanitary emergency situations.

- VI. That on January 30<sup>th</sup> of 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) alerted the detection of a new type of Coronavirus disease in the City of Wuhan in the Province of Hubei, China that has provoked fatalities in several countries around the world and caused the saturation of health services.
- VII. That due the aforementioned, as of January of this year 2020, the Health Authorities have activated several protocols to confront the international sanitary epidemiological alert in order to adopt sanitary measures that will help mitigate its impact on the population residing in Costa Rica.
- VIII. That on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the first case of COVID19 was positively confirmed in Costa Rica after obtaining the respective clinical results from the Costa Rican Institute for Research and Training in Nutrition and Health (INCIENSA). As of this date the number of confirmed cases has increased.
- IX. That on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 through Directive Number 073-S-MTSS, the President of the Republic, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Labor and Social Security, executed among other aspects, the order to all ministerial instances in attending all the requirements defined by the Ministry of Health to attend the sanitary emergency outbreak alert due to COVID19; and that the full enforcement or observance of this Directive will imply the adoption of immediate internal adoption of measures to ensure complete compliance of the protocols issued by the Ministry of Health, and its respective dissemination.
- X. That article 13 clause 36) establishes as one of the functions of this General Directorate to discretionally and intentionally resolve any case which specificity must be resolved differently from the general processes.
- XI. That this resolution has observed the applicable legal fundamentals and legal procedures.

**WHEREAS;**

**FIRST:** That article 2 of the Political Constitution enshrines the sovereignty of the State of Costa Rica, which is based on positive legal norms that represent the will of the State.

**SECOND:** In matters of public health, articles 21 and 50 of the Political Constitution govern the fundamental rights to life and health of its people. The General Law on Health Number 5395 (articles 4, 6, 337, 338, 340, 341, 355 and 356 of the General Law on Health Number 5395 of October 30<sup>th</sup> 1973) and the Organic Law of the Ministry of Health Number 5412 of November 8<sup>th</sup> 1973 (article 2, clause b) and c), and article 57) govern the competence of the Ministry of Health in order to establish the particular guidelines or ordinances against the threat of epidemics that affect or that may affect the population of Costa Rican nationals or foreign nationals that reside in the national territory. Furthermore, articles 1 and 7 of the General Law on Health, establishes that the health of its population is an asset of public interest that must be duly safeguarded by the State, and its laws, regulations and administrative provisions related to health are of public order, and that in case of conflict will prevail over any other provision of formal equal validity.

**THIRD:** Pursuant to the legal basis, the health authorities have activated several protocols to confront the international sanitary epidemiological alert in order to adopt sanitary measures in accordance with the alert declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 caused by the detection of a new type of Coronavirus disease in the

City of Wuhan in the Province of Hubei, China that has provoked fatalities of vulnerable groups of populations in several countries around the world and caused the saturation of health services. The purpose of this alert is to adopt sanitary measures that can help mitigate the risk of contamination within the population residing in the national Costa Rican territory. This need was heightened based on the fact that on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 the first case of COVID19 was positively confirmed in Costa Rica after receiving the clinical results from the Costa Rican Institute for Research and Training in Nutrition and Health (INCIENSA). As of this date the number of confirmed cases has increased.

**FOURTH:** In conformance with the aforementioned, through Directive Number 073-S-MTSS on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, the President of the Republic, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Labor and Social Security, executed among other aspects, the order to all ministerial instances in attending all the requirements defined by the Ministry of Health to attend the sanitary emergency outbreak alert due to COVID19; and that the full enforcement or observance of this Directive will imply the adoption of immediate internal adoption of measures to ensure complete compliance of the protocols issued by the Ministry of Health, and its respective dissemination.

**FIFTH:** That, pursuant to the aforementioned, this General Directorate will fully abide and comply with the guidelines set forth by the President of the Republic and the Minister of Health through the implementation of measures that will be defined below in order to prevent the transmission of COVID19, and properly safeguard the citizens in general, and in particular the external users and employees of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration.

**SIXTH:** These measures imply variations in providing our services and certain delays in the terms established by regulation based on article 3 clause 36) of the General Law on Migration and Immigration Number 8764 that specifically foresee the possibility that this General Directorate may discretionally and intentionally resolve any case which specificity must be resolved differently from the general processes. For this purpose, the motivation to process differently any service provided this General Directorate is precisely the Declaration of National Emergency and the emergency alert established by the Health Authorities regarding the COVID19 outbreak pandemic, which competence is precisely based – in our interest – on the possibility of issuing instructions to the public sector in order to adjust the provisioning of our services and the attention of our users. Note that such measures are taken in consideration of the public interest based on the standards that regulate public health, as well as migration, in order to safeguard the wellbeing of all external users and employees of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration.

#### **THEREFORE,**

**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION** in conformance with articles 2, 11, 21 and 50 of the Political Constitution; article 11 of the General Law on Public Administration; articles 1, 4, 6, 7, 337, 338, 340, 341, 355 and 356 of the General Law on Health Number 5395 of October 30<sup>th</sup> 1973; article 2 clause b) and c) and article 57 of the Organic Law of the Ministry of Health Number 5412 of November 8<sup>th</sup> 1973; article 2 and 13 clause 36) of the General Law on Migration and Immigration Number 8764 of August 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, and Directive Number 073-S-MTSS from the President of the Republic, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Labor and Social Security of March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, and Executive Decree Number 42227-MP-S of March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, determines the temporary administrative measures that are indicated below in order to provide adequate and responsible public services from the General Directorate of



Migration and Immigration to external users: **FIRST: REFUGEE UNIT.** FIRST TIME REFUGEE RECOGNITION APPLICANTS: the appointments scheduled between March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 – both inclusive- are suspended. A hotline number # 1311 will be enabled to reschedule appointments. The appointments scheduled between May 18<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 will be serviced in the assigned schedules. REFUGEE AND WORK PERMIT APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION CARD VALIDITY: the validity of identification cards for Refugees (DIMEX), temporary refugee applicant and temporary work permits are automatically extended until July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. NEW WORK PERMIT APPLICATIONS: in order to request new temporary work permits for refugee applicants, the respective application form can be downloaded from [www.migracion.go.cr](http://www.migracion.go.cr) website and emailed to: [refugio@migracion.go.cr](mailto:refugio@migracion.go.cr). The corresponding permits will be issued and delivered one week later: Thursday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. INTERVIEWS: Interviews scheduled between March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 are suspended, both inclusive. Interviews scheduled between those dates will be performed as of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. DISMISSALS AND WAIVERS: will be serviced at the Refugee Unit, from 7:00 am to 11:00 am everyday. EXIT AUTHORIZATIONS: Applications can be submitted to the following address: [refugio@migracion.go.cr](mailto:refugio@migracion.go.cr). The respective resolution will be sent via email. CERTIFICATIONS: certifications may be requested to the following address: [refugio@migracion.go.cr](mailto:refugio@migracion.go.cr). The respective certification will be sent via email. TRAVEL DOCUMENT APPLICATION REQUEST: Applications can be submitted to the following address: [refugio@migracion.go.cr](mailto:refugio@migracion.go.cr). The respective resolution will be sent via email. MODIFICATION OF CAPACITY APPLICATION REQUEST: Applications can be submitted to the following address: [refugio@migracion.go.cr](mailto:refugio@migracion.go.cr). The respective resolution will be sent via email. COMPLIANCE OF PREVIOUS AND APPEALS PROVISIONING AND EVENTS OF NULLITY: previous, appeals or events of nullity will not be received between March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, both inclusive. The term to submit previous, appeals or events of nullity is extended until May 20<sup>th</sup>. FILE CASE COPIES AND REVIEW APPLICATION REQUEST: Applications can be submitted to the following address: [refugio@migracion.go.cr](mailto:refugio@migracion.go.cr). The dates when such copies and case file review can be performed will be notified by email. **SECOND: MIGRATION MANAGEMENT.** PASSPORT ISSUANCE, COUNTRY EXIT PERMITS FOR MINORS, MODIFICATION OF EXIT PERMITS FOR COMPANIONS, and EXIT PERMIT ALERTS: will be serviced normally. EXPEDITED PASSPORT DELIVERY: may only be requested at the following email: [pasaportes@migracion.go.cr](mailto:pasaportes@migracion.go.cr). MIGRATION MOVEMENT CERTIFICATIONS: will only be processed via scheduled appointment at the following hotline number: 1311 or via [www.migracion.go.cr](http://www.migracion.go.cr). TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION, AND IDENTIFICATION AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION: will only be processed via [www.migracion.go.cr](http://www.migracion.go.cr). **THIRD: IMMIGRATION MANAGEMENT.** Archive and Technical Evaluation sub-processes will work under normal business hours. SERVICE PLATFORM SUBPROCESS: LEGAL PERMANENCE APPLICATION REQUESTS: new legal permanence applications request will not be received for any migration category during March 17<sup>th</sup> until May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. CRIMINAL RECORD AND BIRTH CERTIFICATION VALIDITY TERM PERIOD: this will be extended until July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. LEGAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING: no appointments will be scheduled between March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. Scheduled appointments between these dates are suspended. These appointments will be rescheduled after May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. MIGRATION STATUTS CERTIFICATION REQUEST: This must be requested to the following email: [certificacion\\_status@migracion.go.cr](mailto:certificacion_status@migracion.go.cr). Certifications will be sent via email. CASE PROCESSES RECEIVED NORMALLY. Appeals and case file photocopy requests. DOCUMENTATION SUBPROCESS: previous for residency renewals requested by CCSS: this will be requested and replied via [previo\\_ccss@migracion.go.cr](mailto:previo_ccss@migracion.go.cr). FIRST TIME DOCUMENTATION AND DIMEX

RENEWAL APPOINTMENTS: This will only be issued through the commercial partners of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration: such as the Bank of Costa Rica and the Postal Service of Costa Rica. Appointments will not be scheduled at the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration offices. Appointments that have already been scheduled as of the publication of this Directive will be rescheduled after May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. TEMPORARY RESIDENCY RENEWAL BY COSTA RICAN SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP: the renewal of this migration subcategory implies an extension of the terms established by article 129 clause 19) of the General Law on Migration and Immigration in such a way that the users may process their DIMEX renewal through an appointment scheduled at the Documentation Sub-process, and will have a period of three months established by the norms, with an additional period that must not exceed July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. RENEWAL OF OTHER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AND SPECIAL CATEGORIES: except for temporary residence by Costa Rican spousal relationship, as well as special categories may be renewed: A) through the commercial partners of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration: such as the Bank of Costa Rica and the Postal Service of Costa Rica, or B) scheduling an appointment with the Documentation Sub Process, which will grant three months as established in article 129 clause 10) of the General Law on Migration and Immigration, with an additional term that will not exceed July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. **FOURTH: VISA UNIT. ARTIST PERMITS.** Permits for artists will be not granted due to the Directive issued by the Ministry of Health, and Executive Decree that defines the restriction on mass events. PERIOD TO STAMP VISAS LOCATED IN THE FOURTH CONSULAR GROUP. Migration agents abroad will not stamp passports from foreign nationals located in the fourth group from the General Guidelines of Non Resident Entry Visas and Visitation; visas approved as of the date of this Directive will be effective after April 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. CONSULAR VISA ISSUANCE: Migration agents abroad will not issue consular visas to enter the country between March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, both inclusive. **FIFTH: SERVICE COMPTROLLERSHIP.** Service comptrollership will not attend non-conformances personally, but will be done so via email: [contraloriaservices@migracion.go.cr](mailto:contraloriaservices@migracion.go.cr). NOTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS: the notification of resolutions will be suspended personally of those that are pending as of the date of publication of this Directive. Notifications will be issued when approved, either by fax or email. **SIXTH: AUTHORIZED LEGAL PERMANENCE UNDER THE TOURISM SUBCATEGORY:** The authorized legal permanence of foreign nationals under the Tourism migration subcategory that entered the country after December 17<sup>th</sup> will be extended until May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 2020. PUBLISH.

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