

**ACCESSION OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

Communication from the Kyrgyz Republic

*Liberalization of the Visa Regime*

The Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic has submitted the Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on Measures on Liberalization of the Visa Regime for Foreign Citizens and Exit Requirements for Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic of 2 August 1999, reproduced hereunder.

Measures on Liberalization of the Visa Regime for Foreign Citizens and Exit  
Requirement for the Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic

To ensure the simplified exit and entrance regime and staying of the foreign citizens in the republic, to create favorable conditions for attracting of foreign investors, and to ensure free exit of the Kyrgyz citizens abroad in accordance with the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, I decree the following:

1. To enforce non-visa entrance regime for the nationals of countries-members of the World Trade Organization to the Kyrgyz Republic on a stage-by-stage basis, from 1 January 2000.
2. To abolish exit visa requirement for the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic from 1 October 1999.
3. For the period till 1 October 1999:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic is:

To prepare schedule of the stage-by-stage enforcement of non-visa regime for the nationals of countries-members of the World Trade Organization;

According to the established order to submit proposals to improve and simplify the processing of visa formalities for foreign citizens, in particular for potential investors, to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, prior to the solution of the issue on the stage-by-stage enforcement of the non-visa regime for the nationals of countries-members of the World Trade Organization.

- Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic are:

To submit proposals on creation of the common interdepartmental information network at the control-crossing points of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Government of

the Kyrgyz Republic to perform control over entrance, staying and exit of foreign citizens;

- Ministry of National Defense, State Customs Inspection under the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic are:

To submit proposals on improving border and customs control according to the established order;

- Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic is:

To take measures on ensuring security of foreign citizens on the territory of the Republic;

- State Committee on Foreign Investments and Economic Development of the Kyrgyz Republic, State Agency on Tourism and Sport under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic jointly with the JV "National airline "Kyrgyzstan Aba Joldory" are:

To establish the consulting and service center for foreign citizens at the "Manas" airport;

- Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic is:

To conduct preparatory work on abolishment of exit visa requirement for the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic;

To submit proposals to improve registration system of foreign citizens on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

4. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic shall submit proposals on introducing amendments and changes to the existing legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic on the basis of proposals by the ministries and agencies till 1 November 1999.
5. Department on External Policy of the Office of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be authorized to perform control over implementation of the present Decree.

President of the Kyrgyz Republic

A. Akayev

Bishkek, House of the Government  
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