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## BELARUS AND COVID-19: RESTRICTIONS ON LEAVING COUNTRY

On 20 December 2020, Resolution No. 705 dated 7 December 2020 of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus will enter into force and impose new measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. According to this Resolution, the Republic of Belarus shall temporarily restrict the crossing of the state border for departures by citizens, as well as for foreigners who have a permanent or temporary residence permit.

The restrictions will apply at road checkpoints, railway stations and river ports. They do not apply to persons with diplomatic and service passports, official delegations, drivers of international road transport, crews of aircraft and ships, train crews, business travellers, or for persons travelling in transit through the territory of Belarus. Persons leaving Belarus through the Minsk National Airport are also not subject to this restriction.

According to the resolution, citizens who have a residence permit or an employment contract in another country, as well as those who want to leave the country for valid reasons: due to a serious illness or death of a close relative or spouse abroad, will be able to leave Belarus to obtain medical care or for education. At the same time, leaving the country with a residence permit, as well as for study or work, will be allowed no more than once every six months.

In addition, as stated in the resolution, foreigners arriving in Belarus will need to have a certificate confirming a negative laboratory test for COVID-19 (this must be done not later than three days before the date of crossing the border). The absence of such a medical document is the basis for refusal to enter the country.

For any further information and assistance with respect to the above and any other Covid-19 related legal matters, please do not hesitate to contact us at [covidhelpdesk@peterkapartners.com](mailto:covidhelpdesk@peterkapartners.com).

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