

Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act

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Chapter One GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 1. These Regulations govern the application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act regarding the terms and procedure whereunder foreigners, as well as family members of Bulgarian citizens who are not nationals of a Member State of the European Union or of a State which is a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation, enter, reside in, and leave Bulgaria.

Article 2. (1) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) Foreigners shall enter the Republic of Bulgaria through the border crossing checkpoints on a valid passport or on a document issued in lieu of a passport, as well as on a visa, where such is required.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) Foreigners may enter the Republic of Bulgaria on a valid passport or on a valid travel document issued in lieu of a passport which is recognised by the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 3. (1) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) A foreigner who does not satisfy the requirements for entry into the Republic of Bulgaria shall not be admitted into the country by the border control authorities. A uniform standard form for refusal of entry at the border, as set out in Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) (OJ, L 77 of 23.3.2006, p. 1-52), shall be completed on any such refusal.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) In case a foreigner for whom an alert has been issued in the Schengen Information System for the purpose of refusing entry is authorised to enter the country on humanitarian grounds or on grounds of national interest or

because of honouring international treaties whereto the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, the border control authorities shall inform the International Operational Co-operation Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, which shall notify the States applying the Schengen acquis.

Article 4. (1) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) In case the passport or the document issued in lieu of a passport of the foreigner does not bear an entry stamp of the Republic of Bulgaria, the competent authorities of the Ministry of Interior may presume that the holder of the document does not fulfil, or no longer fulfils, the conditions relating to the duration of a short stay in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) In the cases referred to in Paragraph (1), the foreigner may prove by credible documentary evidence, such as transport tickets or other proof of his or her presence outside the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, that he or she has respected the conditions relating to the duration of a short stay.

(3) In the cases referred to in Paragraph (2), a standard form confirming respect of the conditions relating to the duration of a short stay, as set out in Annex VIII to the Schengen Borders Code, may be given to the foreigner.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) If in the cases under Paragraph (1) the foreigner fails to prove that he or she has respected the conditions relating to the duration of a short stay, the competent authorities of the Ministry of Interior shall indicate in his or her passport or document issued in lieu of a passport the date on which he or she crossed the external border of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the place of crossing the respective border.

Article 5. (1) (Repealed, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017).

(2) (Repealed, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017).

(3) (Repealed, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017).

(4) (Repealed, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017).

(5) (Repealed, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017).

(6) Where a visa is annulled or revoked, a stamp stating "ANNULLED" or "REVOKED" shall be affixed to it and, besides this, the optically variable feature of the visa sticker, the security feature "latent image effect", as well as the term "visa", shall be invalidated by being crossed out.

(7) (Repealed, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017).

(8) The authorities who have revoked or annulled the visa shall enter the information on annulled and revoked visas into the Visa Information System (VIS), and in the cases where they do not have access to the VIS, they shall notify the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the decision made within 48 hours.

(9) If the visa is annulled or revoked but the factual steps under Paragraph (6) have not been performed, the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall instruct the overseas mission which issued the visa to declare it annulled or revoked through the VIS.

(10) In the event of annulment, revocation or refusal to issue a visa, a form in a standard format, endorsed by an act of the Council of Ministers, shall be completed.

Article 6. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) Upon entry into the Republic of Bulgaria, the foreigner shall declare the purpose of his or her visit and shall indicate in writing the address at which he or she will reside, presenting to the border control authorities the completed registration card referred to in Article 18 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act. The completed registration cards shall be transmitted for further processing and storage to Migration Sectors/Teams with the Regional Directorates of the Ministry of Interior (RDMoI).

(2) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) The border control authorities shall stamp the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport of the foreigner according to the requirements of the Schengen Borders Code.

Article 7. (1) The minimum personal financial means required for subsistence from a foreigner who enters the Republic of Bulgaria for the purpose of a short stay or transit shall amount to EUR 50 per day or their equivalent in leva or another freely convertible currency, except in the cases of implementation of intergovernmental agreements on educational, scientific or cultural exchange or according to acts of the Council of Ministers.

(2) The personal financial means required for procuring accommodation shall be not less than EUR 50 per day for each day of the stay or their equivalent in leva or another freely convertible currency or a document on prepaid overnight stays at a collective tourist accommodation establishment, or a statement of invitation by a Bulgarian natural person whereby the provision of accommodation is certified.

(3) The personal financial means required for leaving the Republic of Bulgaria upon entry by land or by water by a means of transport operated by the person shall be at least EUR 200 or their equivalent in leva or in another freely convertible currency, except where the person holds a return ticket.

(4) The personal financial means required from a foreigner for leaving the country shall amount to the equivalent of the price of the ticket and the charges due (if any) for a return trip to the country of origin or to a third State which the foreigner has the right to enter and reside in.

Article 8. In the cases referred to in Article 28 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall record the address as named in a specialised database for provision of administrative services to foreigners.

Article 9. (1) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) Upon accommodating a

foreigner, the persons engaged in the hospitality industry shall register the said foreigner in a special register, entering therein the names as written in the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport, the date and year of birth, the citizenship, the number of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport, and the duration of residence at the relevant address.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) In the cases referred to in Article 28 (3) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the persons shall present the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport of the foreigner to the services for administrative control of foreigners or at the competent precinct department of the Ministry of Interior exercising jurisdiction over the place of stay of the foreigner, if the foreigner does not appear in person, and two registration cards shall be completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 1 hereto. The registration cards as presented shall be processed by the services for administrative control of foreigners or by the competent precinct department of the Ministry of Interior, and one copy shall be delivered to the person who provided accommodation.

(3) The persons engaged in the hospitality industry or employees thereof shall present registration cards referred to in Paragraph (2) or a list of the foreigners accommodated on paper or on an electronic storage medium or electronically at the precinct department of the Ministry of Interior or at the services for administrative control of foreigners exercising jurisdiction over the situs of the hotel.

Article 10. (1) (Repealed, SG No. 110/2013).

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) Control over the address registration of foreigners shall be exercised by the chiefs of the territorial Migration Sectors/Teams with the RDMoI or by the chiefs of precinct departments of the Ministry of Interior.

Article 10a. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) In submitting an application for a long-stay visa the foreigner shall present whatever documents are necessary in view of the reasons for applying for right of stay.

Article 11. (Amended, SG No. 110/2013, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015, supplemented, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016, amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) In exceptional circumstances, where humanitarian grounds or grounds of national interest apply, the services for administrative control of foreigners may extend on a single occasion the validity term of a short-stay visa and of the period of stay authorised thereby according to the procedure established by Article 37 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act by means of affixing a personalised visa sticker and a stamp of the issuing authority to the passport or to the travel document issued in lieu of a passport.

(2) In exceptional circumstances, where humanitarian grounds or grounds of national interest apply, the services for administrative control of foreigners may extend the period of stay of foreigners who have entered the country under the terms of a visa-free regime for short-stay travel.

(3) For an extension of the validity term of a short-stay visa and of the period of stay authorised thereby under Paragraph (1) or of the period of stay under Paragraph (2), the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 2 hereto at the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior or at Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay, attaching thereto:

1. the passport thereof or a travel document issued in lieu of a passport and a copy of the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, the latest entry stamp of the Republic of Bulgaria and, where applicable, also of the visa held;

2. documents justifying the existence of exceptional circumstances or humanitarian grounds within the meaning of Paragraph (1) or (2);

3. evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence, housing accommodation and medical insurance for the period of the extension of the visa and of the stay in the country as applied for.

(4) In the cases referred to in Paragraph (1), the services for administrative control of foreigners shall notify the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in writing of the decision adopted.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Where a foreigner of Bulgarian descent as entered legally the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and does not hold a visa permitting durable stay, the services for administrative control of foreigners may, following submission of written opinion by the State Agency for National Security and coordination with the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, grant a permit for stay where national interests so require, or in exceptional circumstances evidenced under the due procedure relevant documents or after presentation of a labor contract for a minimum of six months registered by the National Revenues Agency. The Directorate for Migration or the Migration Sectors/Groups with the RDMOI shall send to the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a document certifying that the visa fee has been paid.

(6) (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The contract under paragraph 5 by the alien is not required in cases where the information is recorded in the register of notifications for the conclusion, amendment or termination of employment contracts or notices of a change of employer.

Chapter Two

RESIDENCE OF FOREIGNERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Section I

Durable Residence

Article 12. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015, amended and supplemented, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016) To be granted right of durable residence in pursuance of Items 5 and 13 of Article 24 (1), Article 24f (1), Article 33d (4), Article 33j (3) and Article 33q (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act for the purpose of family reunification, a foreigner who has been authorised residence of not less than one year within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto to the Migration Directorate or to a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport of the family member with a validity term of not less than six months reckoned from the date of submission of the application, showing the pages containing the photograph and the identification particulars;

2. (repealed, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018);

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence of the family members for the period of stay within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;

5. (amended, SG No. 110/2013) a conviction status certificate of the family member, issued as at the date of submission of the documents by the State whose citizenship the foreigner holds or by the State of his or her habitual residence: applicable upon initial submission of the application;

6. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a marriage certificate or a birth certificate;

7. documents regarding the circumstances of subsistence of the family members and the necessity to take personal care due to health reasons in the cases referred to in Article 2 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(2) For ascertainment of the facts and circumstances referred to in Article 26 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall draw up a reasoned opinion, which shall be attached to the application for the grant of right of durable residence.

(3) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be examined and decided within one month after consultation with the State Agency for National Security and the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which shall present the opinions thereof within 15 days.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The Director of the Migration Directorate, the directors of RDMoI or officials empowered thereby shall notify in writing the applicant of the decision on family reunification as adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(5) (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The directors of RDMoI or officials empowered thereby shall notify the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior and the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the decision on family reunification as adopted, presenting a reasoned opinion in writing, containing a list of the documents attached by the foreigner, searches of records on the existence or lack of coercive administrative measures, information concerning the overseas mission where the long-stay visa application is to be submitted and the grounds or lack of grounds for family reunification.

(6) (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) The Director of the Migration Directorate shall notify the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the decision on family reunification as adopted, presenting a reasoned opinion in writing, containing a list of the documents attached by the foreigner, searches of records on the existence or lack of coercive administrative measures, information concerning the overseas mission where the long-stay visa application is to be submitted and the grounds or lack of grounds for family reunification.

(7) The Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall notify the overseas mission of the Republic of Bulgaria in the State of permanent residence of the family member or the overseas mission accredited to the State of permanent residence of the family member within five days after receipt of the notification referred to in Paragraphs (5) and (6).

(8) A favourable decision on the application for family reunification shall be grounds for issuing a visa to the foreigner who is a family member under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act according to a relaxed procedure. The foreigner shall submit a visa application to the overseas mission of the Republic of Bulgaria in the State of his or her permanent residence or to the overseas mission accredited to the State of his or her permanent residence within six months after being notified.

(9) (New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016) Family reunification of foreigners under Article 33q (1) herein shall not be contingent on a requirement for the holder to have resided for a certain minimum period of time.

(10) (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) In the cases where the competent service for administrative control of foreigners refuses to recognise a document evidencing civil status which has been submitted thereto, the party concerned may bring an action for a declaratory judgment before the Sofia City Court.

Article 13. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) After entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and not later than 14 days prior to the expiry of the validity term of the visa as issued, the foreigner who is a family

member shall attach the following to the documents initially submitted to the Migration Directorate or to a RDMoI:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a copy of the entry visa affixed under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

2. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act.

(2) For ascertainment of the facts and circumstances referred to in Article 26 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall draw up a reasoned opinion, which shall be attached to the application for the grant of right of durable residence.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) Within three days after the documents covered under Paragraph (1) are attached and provided there are no grounds for withdrawal of the right of residence granted for the purpose of family reunification, the Director of the Migration Directorate, the directors of RDMoI or officials empowered thereby shall determine the period of authorised stay of the foreigner who is a family member and shall notify the said person of the obligation thereof to pay a stamp duty under Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act for the right of residence granted.

Article 14. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) To be granted a right of durable residence, the foreigner shall present in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto to the Migration Directorate or to a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport t shall be presented as well;

2. (supplemented, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) a document proving payment of stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act, except for foreigners applying under Items 5, 13 and 18 of Article 24 (1), Article 24c, Article 24i and Article 33d (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

5. (supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence of the family members for the period of stay within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage, the national minimum educational allowance or the national minimum pension;

6. a conviction status certificate, issued by the State whose citizenship the foreigner holds or by the State of his or her habitual residence: applicable upon initial submission of the application.

(2) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 14 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within 14 days. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents, this time limit may be extended by one month, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within 14 days. In case the additional documents and information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(3) Upon the initial grant of a right of durable residence according to the procedure established by Chapter Three A of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the application shall be submitted not later than three months after the entry of the foreigner into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within four months after the date of submission thereof. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents, this time limit may be extended by up to three months, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented prior to the expiry of the time limit as extended. In case the additional documents and information have not been provided within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The application under Article 24b and 24i of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall be submitted not later than seven days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within seven days. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents, this time limit may be extended by 14 days, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within 14 days. In case the additional documents and information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

Article 15. To be granted right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 1 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a certified copy of the work permit as issued by the National Employment Agency.

Article 16. (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) In order to receive the right of durable residence on the grounds of Item 2 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, on submission of application for granting or for renewal of the authorisation for durable residence, the foreigner shall submit the documents referred to in Article 14 (1).

(2) The Migration Directorate or the Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI shall enclose statements of current status from the Commercial Register, a statement and/or information about the existence or non-existence of obligations of the commercial entity and of the natural persons such as managers and partners.

1. when an initial application is filed, a statement should be enclosed certifying that at least 10 Bulgarian citizens have been hired as fulltime employees by a social-security-contributing Bulgarian-registered employer for every foreigner enjoying the right of stay, and this statement shall include a summarized certification of the employer regarding a set period of time or

2. when renewing the authorisation, a statement should be enclosed certifying that at least 10 Bulgarian citizens have been hired as fulltime employees by a social-security contributing Bulgarian-registered employer for every foreigner for the preceding six or 12 months.

Article 17. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 4 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a document certifying that the said foreigner is a specialist residing in Bulgaria by virtue of an international treaty whereto the Republic of Bulgaria is a party.

Article 18. (1) To be granted a right of durable residence or an extension of the period of stay of a family member in pursuance of Item 5 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and as appropriate:

1. documents certifying the existence of grounds to authorise permanent residence;
2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a certificate of entry into marriage or a duplicate copy of a record of entry into marriage;
3. (repealed, SG No. 110/2013).

(2) (New, SG No. 110/2013) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the foreigner's application an ex officio search of records for a right of permanent residence acquired by the spouse.

(3) (Renumbered from Paragraph (2), SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019) For the purposes of Item 1 of Paragraph (1), the foreigner of Bulgarian descent shall furthermore attach a birth certificate. In cases where it is impossible to present a birth certificate, the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior and the Migration department/sectors/groups at the RDMoI shall enclose an official report on the Bulgarian origin of the foreigner if the information is reflected in an electronic system maintained by the State Agency for Bulgarians Abroad. Until technical access to the system is provided, the foreigner shall present to the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior and the Migration department/sectors/groups at the RDMoI the certificate of Bulgarian origin issued by the State Agency for Bulgarians Abroad.

Article 19. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 6 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a certificate of current registration of the trade representation office at the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry issued not earlier than one month prior to the presentation thereof, which must state that the circumstances referred to in Item 6 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act are complied with;

2. (repealed, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018).

Article 20. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 7 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a birth certificate of the descendant in the cases where the said descendant is a foreigner.

(2) A search of records on the authorised permanent residence or the holding of Bulgarian citizenship shall be attached ex officio to the documents referred to in Paragraph (1).

Article 21. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 8 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a certificate issued by medical-treatment facility, stating a plan for treatment and recovery.

Article 22. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 9 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a document of accreditation issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 23. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 10 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) a document issued by the competent authorities of the respective State, certifying that the foreigner is eligible to receive a pension;

2. a document issued by a bank within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, certifying that the foreigner holds an account whereto the relevant transfers of the pension are to be credited.

Article 24. (1) For an extension of the right of residence in pursuance of Item 13 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a marriage certificate or a birth certificate;

2. medical documents regarding the existence of serious health reasons in the cases referred to in Article 2 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(2) A search of records on the authorised residence of the relative shall be attached ex officio to the documents covered under Paragraph (1).

Article 25. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 14 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. a birth certificate;

2. a declaration and other information on the existence of circumstances of de facto cohabitation.

Article 26. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 15 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a certified copy of a freelance work permit issued by the authorities of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy.

Article 27. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 16 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and a certified copy of a permission to perform non-profit activities, issued by the Ministry of Justice.

Article 28. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 17 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach to the application referred to in Article 14 (1) herein a letter from a competent state body confirming the existence

of circumstances for the grant of a special protection status and a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act.

Article 29. (1) To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 18 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a marriage certificate or a birth certificate;

2. (repealed, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018);

3. documents showing the existence of family relationships under Article 2 (6) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act;

4. medical documents regarding the existence of serious health reasons which necessitate the taking of personal care;

5. (new, SG No. 110/2013) documents regarding the income and subsistence of the family members under Article 2(6), Items 3, 4 and 5 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(2) (New, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The documents referred to in Item 1 of Paragraph (1) shall not be required from the foreigner in the cases where the information is contained in the Population National Database.

(3) (Renumbered from Paragraph (2), SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) For ascertainment of the facts and circumstances referred to in Article 26 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall draw up a reasoned opinion, which shall be attached to the application for the grant of a right of durable residence.

Article 29a. (New, SG No. 110/2013) (1) To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 19 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and the following documents except in the cases where they are available on the record of the respective commercial company with the Commercial Register:

1. (repealed, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018);

2. a certifying document from a licensed Bulgarian credit institution concerning receipt of an amount of at least BGN 600,000 for the purpose of acquiring title by the foreigner to corporeal immovables in the territory of the country or of a participating interest in the capital of the respective commercial company; in case borrowed funds are used, also a certifying document from a credit institution to the effect that the outstanding balance of the loan is not more than 25 per cent;

3. document of title to the corporeal immovables within the territory of the foreigner's country or to the commercial company;

4. statement of the expenditures of the commercial company incurred for the acquisition of corporeal immovables in the period following the contribution of the amount under Item 2 to the capital of the commercial company, accompanied by copies of sale-and-purchase contracts (expense supporting documents), a copy of the inventory book or a depreciation schedule evidencing the entry of tangible fixed assets or another document certifying the value and type of the new corporeal immovables acquired after the amount under Item 1 had been deposited.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall conduct an ex officio search of the Commercial Register to verify the completeness of the circumstances for granting a right of durable residence.

Article 29b. (New, SG No. 110/2013) (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 40/2015) To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Item 20 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the documents submitted by the foreigner under Article 14 (1) herein a certificate from the Ministry of Economy, provided to the Migration Directorate, through official channels.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 40/2015) The Migration Directorate shall notify the Ministry of Economy of the durable residence permits issued on the grounds of the certificates under Paragraph (1).

(3) (Amended, SG No. 40/2015) Foreigners who have been granted a right of durable residence shall declare to the Ministry of Economy any change in the circumstances under Item 20 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 40/2015) The Ministry of Economy shall inform the Migration Directorate of any change in the circumstances under the certificate issued leading to non-compliance with the requirements for issuance of the certificate and any such change may constitute grounds for withdrawing the right of residence granted, as established in the course of a check of the circumstances entered and of the acts disclosed in the Commercial Register and in other cases.

Article 29c. (New, SG No. 110/2013) (1) (Previous text of Article 29c, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) To be granted a right of durable residence on the grounds of Article 24 (5) and (6) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a certificate of entry into marriage or a duplicate copy of a record of entry into marriage, drawn up in the Republic of Bulgaria or abroad;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) in case of dissolution of the marriage by court judgment: a duplicate copy or a full transcript of the record of entry into marriage, where the marriage has been entered into in the Republic of Bulgaria; a copy of the court judgment, where the marriage has been entered into abroad;

3. a duplicate copy of record of death, drawn up in the Republic of Bulgaria or abroad.

(2) (New, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The documents referred to in Item 1 of Paragraph (1) shall not be required from the foreigner in the cases where the information is contained in the Population National Database.

Article 29d. (New, SG No. 110/2013) To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 24 (7) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and documents concerning the existence of exceptional circumstances within the meaning of Item 7 of § 1 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

Article 29e. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) for obtaining the right of permanent residence under Article 24b of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner admitted as researcher in the Republic of Bulgaria shall submit the documents referred to in Article 14 (1) together with his or her contract with the research organisation in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) Prior to issuing the authorisation under Paragraph 1, the Migration Directorate or the Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI shall verify that the research organization is duly registered in the Register of Research Activities in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) The authorisation for durable residence under Paragraph 1 shall be valid for the duration of the contract and may be renewed as stipulated by the Regulation for Application of the Labor Migration and Labor Mobility Act.

(4) In the cases described in Article 24b (7) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the competent authorities of the first EU Member State shall notify the Republic of Bulgaria of the planned stay and shall provide the following documents:

1. valid residence permit;

2. valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. compulsory medical insurance policy;

5. a criminal conviction status certificate.

(5) The planned stay under Paragraph (4) may take place after the expiration of the deadline for objections by the Migration Directorate to the first Member State, which may not exceed 30 days of the date of receipt of the complete application.

(6) The members of the family of a foreigner who is admitted in the Republic of Bulgaria as a researcher under Article 24b (7) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act who are desirous of accompanying him on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall submit the documents described in Paragraph (4) as well as a marriage certificate or a birth certificate.

(7) To be granted the right of durable residence under Article 24b (9) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act the foreigner shall submit the documents described in Article 14 (1) as well as his contract with a research organization in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(8) The Migration Directorate or the Migration Sectors/Teams with the RDMoI shall notify the foreigner and the first Member State within 30 days of the date of submission of the application for durable stay under Article 24b (9) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act. The Migration Sector or Team with the RDMoI shall notify forthwith the Migration Directorate about the granting of rights to durable residence under Article 24b (9) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(9) To be granted the right of durable residence the family members of a foreigner admitted in the Republic of Bulgaria as a researcher under Article 24b (9) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall submit the documents under Paragraph 4 as well as a marriage certificate or a birth certificate.

(10) Upon the end of the research project a foreigner authorised durable residence in the Republic of Bulgaria under Article 24b of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act may be authorized a durable stay of up to nine months provided he or she submits an application - Form No. 3 - no later than 30 days before the end of his authorised stay. The Migration Directorate of Migration Sector/Team with the RDMoI shall verify ex-officio the circumstances under Article 36 (3) of the Labour Migration and Labour Mobility Act.

Article 30. (1) To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 24c of the

Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner who has been admitted to a higher school for a full-time course of study shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 62/2013, effective 3.07.2013) a certificate of the admission thereof for study in the Republic of Bulgaria, issued by the Ministry of Education and Science, and a certificate issued by the higher school, to the effect that the foreigner will attend classes during the relevant year;

2. proof of payment of a fee for enrolment in the higher school, which shall be presented after the entry of the person into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria on a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(2) In respect of any students who, upon enrolment in a higher school benefit from health insurance, the document referred to in Item 4 of Article 14 (1) herein shall not be required.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) To be granted the right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 24c (2) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein as well as:

1. documents certifying that the foreigner is conducting part of the training in the Republic of Bulgaria within the framework of a Union programme or a multilateral programme, or an agreement between two or more higher educational institutions, one of which being Bulgarian;

2. a document certifying that the foreigner has been admitted as a student in a higher educational institution in the Republic of Bulgaria;

3. a valid residence permit issued by another EU Member State;

4. evidence of paid tuition fees in the respective higher educational institution, if such fees are due.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The requirements under Item 1 of Paragraph (3) shall not apply where the student, within the framework of his or her course of studies, is obliged to attend some of the classes in a higher educational institution located on the territory of another Member State.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The Migration Directorate may obtain from the competent authorities of the first Member State information about the foreigner's

stay on its territory.

(6) (New, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019) The foreigner shall not be required to present the document referred to in Item 1 of Paragraph (1) and Item 2 of Paragraph (3) – certificate of the admission of the foreigner for study in the Republic of Bulgaria issued by the Ministry of Education and Science – in cases where the information is reflected in a register maintained by the Ministry of Education and Science. Until technical access to the register is provided, the Ministry of Education and Science shall provide to the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior by official channels a certificate of admission of the foreigner for study in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 31. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 24c of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner who has been admitted to the territory of the country for study in secondary education within the framework of an exchange programme shall attach the documents referred to in Items 1 and 2 of Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. a certificate of admission to the territory of the country for study in secondary education;
2. evidence of participation in a pupil exchange programme;
3. documents issued by the pupil exchange organisation, guaranteeing cover of the pupil's subsistence, study, healthcare and return travel costs;
4. (amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) documents certifying the admission of the pupil for the entire period of his or her stay by a receiving family that meets the specified requirements and was selected in accordance with the rules of the student exchange programme in which the pupil participates, or certifying that the student will be staying at special housing accommodation provided by the educational institution;
5. a notarised declaration of consent by the parents, tutors or curators.

Article 32. (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) To be granted a right of residence in pursuance of Item 3 of Article 24c (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein and:

1. a copy of the employment contract, which contains data on length of the internship, the location and the relevant terms and conditions for the internship;
2. a certificate of an internship programme;
3. a certificate that the student has passed or is due to pass language training in order to acquire the knowledge required for the purposes of the internship;
4. a document certifying that a higher education degree had been obtained within two years of the date of submission of the application or that the student has enrolled in a course of study

that leads to acquiring a higher education degree.

Article 32a. (New, SG No. 110/2013) In order to be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 24h of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the following to the application referred to in Article 14 (1) herein:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph and the identification particulars; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the document shall be presented as well;

2. a certifying document from the respective administrative or judicial authority concerning the existence of pending administrative or criminal proceedings, instituted under Article 227 (3) and (5) of the Criminal Code;

3. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act.

Article 32b. (New, SG No. 110/2013) (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) For the grant of a right of durable residence and issuance of a durable residence permit of the Single Residence and Work Permit type, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the documents covered under Article 14 (1) herein, as submitted by the applicant, a copy of the written decision allowing engagement in employment, issued by the National Employment Agency, which shall be provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, repealed, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016).

Article 32c. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) To acquire the right of durable stay under Item 21 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit the documents under Article 14 (1) as well as an agreement with the receiving organisation on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria that specifies the location and duration of the activity and contains a description thereof.

Article 33. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 25b of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto, attaching thereto:

1. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, the entry visa and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be

presented as well;

3. a certified copy of an authorisation granting family reunification, issued by the Chairperson of the State Agency for Refugees;

4. (new, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) evidence of residence secured;

5. (new, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) compulsory medical insurance valid on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

6. (new, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence for the duration of the stay on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage, the national minimum educational allowance or the national minimum pension.

Section II

Permanent Residence

Article 34. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) To be granted a right of permanent residence, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 4 hereto at the Migration Directorate or at a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 110/2013) a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 12 (4) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;

5. a conviction status certificate, issued by the State whose citizenship the foreigner holds or by the State of his or her habitual residence: applicable upon initial submission of the application.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than two months prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within three months. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents, this time limit may be extended by two months, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within one month. In case the additional documents and information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than two months prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay under a visa issued under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where the foreigner applies for the first time for the grant of a right of residence within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within two months. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents, this time limit may be extended by two months, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within one month. In case the additional documents and information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(4) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

Article 35. (1) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) In order to receive the right of permanent residence under Item 1 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act the foreigner shall present the documents under Items 1, 2 and 5 of Article 34 (1), a notarised declaration from the landlord evidencing the provision of an address for stay, as well as a birth certificate.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019) In cases where it is impossible to present a birth certificate, the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior and the Migration department/sectors/groups at the RDMoI shall enclose an official report on the Bulgarian origin of the foreigner if the information is reflected in an electronic system maintained by the State Agency for Bulgarians Abroad.

Article 36. (1) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 2 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a certificate of entry into marriage;
2. (repealed, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018).

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the application ex

officio a certificate of continuous residence of the foreigner in the country during the last five years.

Article 37. (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 3 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein and a birth certificate. The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach an ex officio search of records for authorised permanent residence of one of the two parents.

Article 38. (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended and supplemented, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 4 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein and a declaration of maintenance. In the cases where the descendant Bulgarian citizen has attained the age of 18 years, documents certifying the circumstances referred to in Article 144 of the Family Code shall be attached as well. The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach an ex officio search of records in the databases of the Ministry of Interior for the legal and continuous staying of the foreigner during the last three years within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as for the birth of the descendant Bulgarian citizen.

Article 38a. (New, SG No. 110/2013) For the grant of a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 5 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein, as submitted by the applicant, an ex officio search of records in the databases of the Ministry of Interior for the legal and continuous staying of the foreigner during the last five years within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 39. (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 61/2014, effective 25.07.2014) (1) (Amended, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) For the grant of a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Items 6, 7 and 17 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein as submitted by the applicant a document establishing the relevant circumstances under items 6, 7 and 17 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and provided through official channels by the Invest Bulgaria Agency to the Migration Directorate.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The Migration Directorate shall notify the Invest Bulgaria Agency of the permanent residence permits issued on the grounds of the documents issued under Paragraph (1).

(3) (Amended, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) In the cases referred to in Item 17 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the Migration Directorate shall notify the Invest Bulgaria Agency of the durable residence permits issued in pursuance of Items 19 and 20 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act in the five-year period preceding the submission of an application for the grant of a right of permanent residence.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The Invest Bulgaria Agency shall notify the Migration Directorate of any change in the circumstances established by the document under Paragraph (1) leading to non-compliance with the requirements for issuance of the said document and any such change may constitute grounds for withdrawing the right of residence granted at the moment when the said circumstances became known to the Agency.

(5) Foreigners who have been granted a right of permanent residence shall immediately declare to the Invest Bulgaria Agency any change in the circumstances referred to in Items 6, 7 and 17 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and at least once a year but not later than the 1st day of December of the current year they shall declare an absence of a change in the said circumstances. The activities under this paragraph shall be documented in a special register.

(6) For the drawing up of a document establishing the relevant circumstances referred to in Items 6, 7 and 17 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit a request to the Invest Bulgaria Agency, attaching thereto a declaration on the origin of the funds according to the Measures Against Money Laundering Act and, if the request is submitted by an authorised representative, the request must also be accompanied by a power of attorney with a notarised signature or a power of attorney for a lawyer, as well as the following documents translated in Bulgarian, where applicable:

1. in the cases referred to in Item 6 (a) of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act:

(a) the original of a validly concluded contract for the execution of transactions in financial instruments, which shall be photocopied on the spot by the official receiving the documents, and

(b) a certifying document or a statement of securities held (portfolio) on all investments, issued by the Central Depository AD, Sofia, and, where applicable, by a non-resident person under Article 41 (1) of the Market in Financial Instruments Act recorded according to the procedure of Article 136 (1) of the Public Offering of Securities Act;

2. in the cases referred to in Item 6 (b) of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act:

(a) a certificate issued by the relevant subdepository bank showing government securities acquired by the foreigner and by a custodian bank showing municipal bonds acquired;

(b) a certificate from the relevant credit institution certifying that a transaction was concluded for the purchase of government securities or a confirmation of the transaction issued by said institution;

3. (repealed, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019);

4. in the cases referred to in Item 6 (e) of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act:

(a) (repealed, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019);

(b) an evaluation of the items of intellectual property issued by an independent appraiser according to the Independent Valuers Act;

5. in the cases referred to in Item 6 (f) of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act: a certificate from the concession grantor designated according to Article 17 of the Concessions Act;

6. in the cases referred to in Item 7 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act:

(a) the original of a valid fiduciary contract concluded with a licensed credit institution with a term of validity of not less than 5 years, which shall be photocopied on the spot by the official receiving the documents, or a certificate from the relevant credit institution showing that a fiduciary contract has been concluded;

(b) a notarised declaration to the effect that the amount invested is not used to secure other cash loans from a credit institution in Bulgaria and granting consent to the credit institutions in Bulgaria to notify the Invest Bulgaria Agency upon request by the Executive Director whether they have information on any pledge being established on the deposit securing cash loans for the minimum 5-year validity period of the contract;

7. in the cases referred to in Item 17 of Article 25 (1) in conjunction with Item 19 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act:

(a) a declaration to the effect that there is no change in the circumstances which have justified the authorisation of durable residence under Item 19 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, or

(b) (amended and supplemented, SG No. 81/2017, effective as from when it becomes technically possible to receive information ex officio) the relevant up-to-date documents under Article 29a (1) herein accompanied by a statement from the Property Register with the Registry Agency regarding any entries, notations or strikings under Articles 46 and 47 of the Recording Regulations in respect to the individual and the immovable property, which shall be attached ex officio;

8. (amended, SG No. 40/2015, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) in the cases referred to in Item 17 of Article 25 (1) in conjunction with Item 20 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the number(s) shall be stated or a copy(copies) shall be submitted of the certificate(s) issued by the Ministry of Economy on the existence of the circumstances under Item 20 of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, while the original(s) of the said certificate(s) shall be provided through official channels to the Migration Directorate according to the procedure of Article 29b (1) herein in order to certify that the investment under Item 20 of Article 24 (1) herein is maintained in the course of five years.

(7) (New, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019) The Invest Bulgaria Agency shall establish by official channels the circumstances referred to in Article 25(1)(6(c),(d) and (e) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act by making reference to public registers and requesting information and documents from the Ministry of Culture and the Patent Office respectively, as well as from the relevant municipal administrations in connection with Article 25(1)(6(c) and (d) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(8) (Amended, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2016, renumbered from Paragraph (7), amended, SG No. 27/2019, effective 2.04.2019) The Invest Bulgaria Agency shall transmit the document as drawn up to the Migration Directorate with a copy to the applicant within 14 working days from the receipt of the request referred to in Paragraph (6); said time limit can be extended by no more than 5 working days to receive the documents required that are obtained by official channels. The document shall have a validity term of six months. In case of legal and factual complexity, the time limit for drawing up the document may be extended by 10 working days, and the Invest Bulgaria Agency may require additional documents from the foreigners.

Article 39a. (New, SG No. 61/2014, effective 25.07.2014) (1) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 8 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the following to the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein:

1. (repealed, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018);

2. a certificate issued by a bank, showing that an amount no less than BGN 6,000,000 has been credited to an account of the commercial company concerned upon the incorporation thereof or for an increase of the capital thereof.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall perform an ex officio search in the Commercial Register regarding the entry of the circumstances about the commercial company.

(3) Foreigners who have been granted a right of permanent residence shall declare to the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior any change in the investment made leading to the termination or transfer of the said investment or to a decrease of the amount thereof below the amount required according to Item 8 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(4) Foreigners who have been granted a right of permanent residence shall submit to the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior an annual declaration regarding the existence of the circumstances referred to in Item 8 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, accompanied by the relevant certifying documents.

Article 40. To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 9 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein and:

1. (repealed, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018);

2. a certificate issued by the municipality wherein the foreigner had his or her residence or permanent address before leaving the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the date and manner of leaving the country;

3. a birth certificate;

4. a certificate issued by the Ministry of Justice, showing that the person is not a Bulgarian citizen.

Article 41. (1) (Previous text of Article 41, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 10 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein and:

1. an official document certifying the entry of the person into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria prior to the 27th day of December 1998;

2. a birth certificate;

3. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a certificate of marriage of the foreigner parent with a Bulgarian citizen.

(2) (New, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018, amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The documents referred to in Items 2 and 3 of Paragraph (1) shall not be required from the foreigner in the cases where the information is contained in the Population National Database.

Article 42. (1) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 11 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall attach the documents covered under Article 34 (1) herein and:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a certificate of entry into marriage or a birth certificate;

2. (supplemented, SG No. 110/2013) medical documents regarding the existence of serious health reasons which necessitate the taking of personal care, evidence of the income and means of subsistence of the family members under Items 3, 4 and 5 of Article 2 (6) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(2) (New, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The documents referred to in Item 1 of Paragraph (1) shall not be required from the foreigner in the cases where the information is contained in the Population National Database.

(3) (Renumbered from Paragraph (2), SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach ex officio to the application a search of records on the continuous residence of the foreigner in the country during the last five years.

Article 43. (1) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Item 12 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 4 hereto, attaching thereto:

1. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of the pages of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport on which the person entered the country, issued by the respective former Soviet republic, containing the photograph and the identification particulars;

3. a birth certificate;

4. evidence of available housing accommodation;

5. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;

6. an official document issued by a diplomatic mission or consular post of the respective former Soviet republic, showing that the persons are not recognised as citizens of the respective State;

7. an official document certifying the entry of the person into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria prior to the 27th day of December 1998.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall carry out a follow-up verification regarding the credibility of the document referred to in Item 6 of Paragraph (1).

Article 44. (Amended, SG No. 110/2013) (1) For the grant of a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Items 13 and 16 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the documents under Article 34 (1) herein, as submitted by the foreigner, a certificate from the Ministry of Economy, provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 40/2015) The Migration Directorate shall notify the Ministry of Economy of the permanent residence permits issued on the grounds of the certificates under Paragraph (1).

(3) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 40/2015) The Ministry of Economy shall inform the Migration Directorate of each change in the circumstances under the certificate issued, leading to non-compliance with the requirements for issuance of the certificate

and such change may constitute grounds for withdrawing the right of residence, established in the course of:

1. a check of the circumstances recorded and of the acts disclosed in the Commercial Register;

2. (amended, SG No. 40/2015) a check of reports submitted by the companies to the Ministry of Economy in connection with the performance of contracts for providing promotion measures under the procedure of the Investment Promotion Act;

3. a check of the information submitted by companies to the Invest Bulgaria Agency under the procedure of Article 19a of the Regulations for Application of the Investment Promotion Act, as well as in other cases.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 40/2015) The foreigners who have been granted a right of permanent residence shall declare without delay to the Ministry of Economy any change in the circumstances under Items 13 and 16 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and once a year an absence of a change in the circumstances under the certificate issued.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 40/2015) Compliance with the condition under Article 25c (3) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall be certified before the Ministry of Economy.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 40/2015) The terms and procedure for the issuance of the certificates under Paragraph (1) and for implementation of Paragraph (3) shall be determined by the Minister of Economy.

Article 44a. (New, SG No. 110/2013) (1) To be granted a right of permanent residence in pursuance of Items 14 and 15 of Article 25 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the following shall be attached to the application under Article 34 (1) herein:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport, if the child holds any such passport or document, containing the pages showing the photograph and the identification particulars; the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well in order to verify the authenticity of the copy;

2. an opinion of the Social Assistance Directorate, serving the present address of the child;

3. a birth certificate;

4. a copy of the court judgment and/or order on placement of the child;

5. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 12 (4) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act.

(2) The application for granting of a right of permanent residence to persons under the age of 14 shall be submitted by the head of the specialised institution or the residential social service, and any such applications for persons over the age of 14 but under the age of 18 shall be submitted in person and in the presence of the head of the specialised institution or the residential social service, who shall express the consent thereof by signing the application.

Article 45. To be granted a right of residence in pursuance of Article 25a of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 2 hereto, attaching thereto:

1. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. a document showing services rendered in the respective field, issued by the competent minister, with the exception of the cases related to national security.

Article 46. (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) For the grant of a right of permanent residence, the chiefs of the Migration Sectors/Teams with the RDMoI shall furthermore attach to the application of the foreigner an opinion in writing regarding the eligibility of the foreigner to acquire this status.

Section III

Residence of Foreigners for the Purposes of Highly Qualified Employment

Article 47. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) To be granted a right of residence for the purposes of highly qualified employment and to be issued a EU Blue Card-type residence and work permit, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto at the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior or at a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

2. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 110/2013, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the application a copy of the written decision allowing engagement in highly qualified employment, issued by the National Employment Agency, which shall be provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(3) The application shall be submitted not later than seven days prior to the expiry of the period of stay of the foreigner within the territory of the country.

(4) The application shall be examined and decided within seven days, in case all required documents and information have been presented. In case the information or documents provided in support of the application are insufficient, the competent authorities shall notify the applicant of the additional information and documents that are required and shall set a time limit of seven days for providing them. The period for examination of the application shall be suspended until the competent authorities have received the additional information or documents required. If the additional information or documents have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(6) (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013) The foreigner, who has been granted a right of residence and work for the purposes of highly qualified employment, shall be issued an EU Blue Card-type residence permit according to the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (OJ, L 157 of 15.06.2001, p. 1 – 7, Special edition in Bulgarian), with "EU Blue Card" being entered under the heading "Type of permit", and the condition for access to the labour market being indicated under the heading "Remarks".

(7) (Amended, SG No. 110/2013, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, repealed, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016).

Article 48. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) For an extension of the right of residence of the family members of the EU Blue Card holder, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto to the Migration Directorate or to a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph and the identification particulars;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a marriage certificate or a birth certificate;

3. medical documents on the existence of serious health reasons in the cases referred to in Article 2 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act;

4. evidence of available housing accommodation;

5. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

6. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence for the period of stay, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension.

(2) For ascertainment of the facts and circumstances referred to in Article 26 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall draw up a reasoned opinion, which shall be attached to the application for the grant of a right of residence.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) The family members of the EU Blue Card holder shall be issued a durable residence permit with a validity term corresponding to the period of stay of the EU Blue Card holder, insofar as the validity term of the national passports or documents issued in lieu of a passport allows it.

(4) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 14 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within 14 days. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents or information, this time limit may be extended by one month, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within 14 days. In case the additional documents and information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(6) The family members of an EU Blue Card holder may obtain a durable residence permit in their own right under the terms established by Article 55 herein.

Article 49. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) To be granted a right of residence for the purposes of highly qualified employment and to be issued a EU Blue Card-type residence and work permit according to Article 33k of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto to the Migration Directorate or at a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. a certified copy of the EU Blue Card issued by the first Member State;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

3. compulsory medical insurance, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the application a copy of the written decision allowing engagement in highly qualified employment, issued by the National Employment Agency, which shall be provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(3) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 14 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The application shall be examined and decided within 14 days. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents or information, this time limit may be extended by one month, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents or information must be presented within 14 days. In case the additional documents or information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(4) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

Article 50. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) To be granted a right of residence as family members of an EU Blue Card holder according to Article 33k (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the family member shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto to the Migration Directorate or to a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) [of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act], where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

2. evidence that they have resided as family members of an EU Blue Card holder in the first Member State of the EU;

3. a certified copy of the residence permit thereof for the first Member State of the EU;
 4. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;
 5. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence for the period of stay, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;
 6. evidence of available housing accommodation.
- (2) The application for the grant of a right of residence to the family members shall be submitted not later than one month after entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.
- (3) The application shall be examined and decided within 14 days. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents or information, this time limit may be extended by one month, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents or information must be presented within 14 days. In case the additional documents or information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.
- (4) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) The family members of the EU Blue Card holder shall be issued a durable residence permit with a validity term corresponding to the period of stay of the EU Blue Card holder, insofar as the validity term of the national passports or documents issued in lieu of a passport allows it.
- (5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.
- (6) Where the family of the EU Blue Card holder has not reunified in the first Member State, Article 12 herein shall apply.

Section IIIa

(New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016)

Residence of Foreigners for the Purposes of Seasonal Employment

Article 50a. (New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016) (1) To be granted a right of residence for the purposes of seasonal employment and to be issued a seasonal worker's permit entitling the holder to durable residence, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto at the Migration Directorate or at the Sofia Directorate of the Ministry of Interior/Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Interior (SDMoI/RDMoI), attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well; the validity term of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport must cover as a minimum the validity term of the seasonal employment permit; the said passport or document must have been issued during the last 10 years;

2. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

3. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

4. evidence of available housing accommodation.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the application a copy of the written decision allowing engagement in seasonal employment, issued by the National Employment Agency, which shall be provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(3) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 7 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner in the territory of the country.

(4) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be examined and decided within 7 days, in case all required documents and information have been presented. In case the information or documents presented in support of the application are insufficient, the competent authorities shall notify the applicant of the additional documents and information that are required and shall set a time limit of 14 days for providing them. The period for examination of the application shall be suspended until the competent authorities have received the additional information or documents required. If the additional information or documents have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) Where the foreigner has already worked at least once in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria as a seasonal worker, the application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be examined and decided within 5 days. In case the information or documents provided in support of the application are insufficient, the competent authorities shall notify the applicant of the additional information and documents required and shall set a time limit of 14 days for providing them. The period for examination of the application shall be suspended until the competent authorities have received the additional information or documents required. If the additional information or documents have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(6) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(7) Any foreigner, who has been granted a right of residence for the purposes of seasonal employment, shall be issued a residence permit pursuant to the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (OJ, L 157 of 15 June 2001), with "seasonal worker" being entered under the heading "Type of permit" and the condition for access to the labour market being indicated under the heading "Remarks".

Section IIIb

(New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016)

Residence of Foreigners for the Purpose of an Intra-Corporate Transfer

Article 50b. (New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016) (1) To be granted a right of residence for the purpose of an intra-corporate transfer and to be issued an intra-corporate transferee permit entitling the holder to durable residence, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto at the Migration Directorate or at the SDMoI/RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well; the validity term of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport must cover as a minimum the validity term of the intra-corporate transferee permit; the said passport or document must have been issued during the last 10 years;

2. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the application a copy of the written decision for the purposes of intra-corporate transfer, issued by the National Employment Agency, which shall be provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(3) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 14 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner in the territory of the country.

(4) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be examined and decided within 14 days, in case all required documents and information have been presented. In case the information or documents provided in support of the application are insufficient, the competent

authorities shall notify the applicant of the additional information and documents that are required and shall set a time limit of 14 days for providing them. The period for examination of the application shall be suspended until the competent authorities have received the additional information or documents required. If the additional information or documents have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(6) Any foreigner, who has been granted a right of residence as an intra-corporate transferee, shall be issued a residence permit according to the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals, with "intra-corporate transfer" being entered under the heading "Type of permit".

Article 50c. (New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016) (1) To be granted a right of residence as an intra-corporate transferee and to be issued an intra-corporate transferee permit, issued by a first Member State entitling the holder to durable residence, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto at the Migration Directorate or at the SDMoI/RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well; the validity term of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport must cover as a minimum the validity term of the permit for the purposes of intra-corporate transfer; the said passport or document must have been issued during the last 10 years;

2. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

3. the residence permit issued by the first Member State.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach to the application a copy of the written decision for the purposes of intra-corporate transfer, issued by the National Employment Agency, which shall be provided to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(3) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 7 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner in the territory of the country.

(4) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be examined and decided within 7 days, in case all required documents and information have been provided. In case the information or documents provided in support of the application are insufficient, the competent authorities

shall notify the applicant of the additional information and documents that are required and shall set a limit of 14 days for providing them. The period for examination of the application shall be suspended until the competent authorities have received the additional information or documents required. If the additional information or documents have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(6) Any foreigner, who has been granted a right of residence as an intra-corporate transferee, shall be issued a residence permit according to the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals, with "mobile ICT" being entered under the heading "Type of permit", and the condition for access to the labour market being indicated under the heading "Remarks".

(7) The Migration Sectors and Teams with the SDMoI/RDMoI shall notify without delay the Migration Directorate of each permit for long-term mobility issued.

Article 50d. (New, SG No. 79/2016, effective 30.09.2016) (1) For an extension of the right of residence as family members of the holder of an intra-corporate transferee permit, the family member shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto at the Migration Directorate or at a RDMoI, attaching thereto:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars, a visa under Article 15 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, where such is required, and the latest Bulgarian entry stamp; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a marriage certificate or a birth certificate;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

5. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence for the period of stay, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension.;

(2) For ascertainment of the facts and circumstances referred to in Article 26 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the services for administrative control of foreigners

shall draw up a reasoned opinion, which shall be attached to the application for the grant of a right of residence.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) The family members of the holder of an intra-corporate transferee permit shall be issued a durable residence permit with a validity term corresponding to the period of stay of the holder of the intra-corporate transferee permit, insofar as the validity term of the national passports or documents issued in lieu of a passport allows it.

(4) The application referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 14 days prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. It shall be examined and decided within 14 days. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents or information, this time limit may be extended by one month, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within 14 days. In case the additional documents and information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(5) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

Section IV

Long-Term Residence

Article 51. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) To be granted a right of long-term residence, the foreigner shall submit in person an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 6 hereto at the Migration Directorate or at a RDMoI.

(2) The foreigner shall attach the following to the application:

1. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph and the identification particulars; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence for a period of not less than one year, without recourse to the social assistance system, taking into consideration the minimum monthly wage and pension for the Republic of Bulgaria;

3. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

4. evidence of available housing accommodation;

5. (amended, SG No. 110/2013, repealed, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018);

6. (new, SG No. 110/2013) a copy of the decision on international protection granted by the State Agency for Refugees: in the cases under Article 24d (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(5) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach an ex officio search of records in the databases of the Ministry of Interior for the legal staying of the foreigner during the last five years within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(4) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The chiefs of the Migration Sectors/Teams with the RDMoI shall attach ex officio to the documents covered under Paragraph (2) a search of records in the databases of the Ministry of Interior for the continuous residence of the foreigner according to Article 24d (3) and (8) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act. To be granted a right of long-term residence on the grounds of international protection, official information from the State Agency for Refugees shall be attached, certifying the date of submission of the international protection application, and official information from the Bulgarian Identity Documents Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, certifying the date of issue of a Bulgarian identity document.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) For the grant of a right of long-term residence, the chiefs of the Migration Sectors/Teams with the RDMoI shall furthermore attach to the application of the foreigner an opinion in writing regarding the eligibility of the foreigner to acquire this status.

(6) (New, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) When granting a right of long-term residence to a foreigner staying in the Republic of Bulgaria as a holder of a residence permit of a long-term resident in the EU on the grounds of international protection extended by another Member State, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall furthermore attach to the documents under Paragraph (2), submitted by the foreigner a confirmation that the international protection status has not been withdrawn, to be provided by the State Agency for Refugees to the Migration Directorate through official channels.

(7) (New, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) The State Agency for Refugees shall inform the Migration Directorate in the cases of transfer of the responsibility for international protection from another Member State to the Republic of Bulgaria or from the Republic of Bulgaria to another Member State for the purpose of amending the entry in the permit for long-term residence in the EU issued by the competent entities of the Ministry of Interior.

(8) (New, SG No. 110/2013) The amended permit shall be issued not later than three months after the receipt of the notification under Paragraph (7) under the terms and according to the procedure established by the Bulgarian Personal Documents Act and the Regulations for the

Issuing of Bulgarian Personal Documents.

Article 52. (1) (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) To be granted a right of long-term residence as an EU Blue Card holder, the foreigner shall attach to the application the documents covered under Article 51 (2) herein and an official document from a Member State or Member States of the European Union certifying the legal stay of the said foreigner as an EU Blue Card holder in the territory of the said Member State or States for a period complementing the required aggregate five-year period.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach ex officio a statement on the legal stay of the foreigner as a EU Blue Card holder in the course of at least two years prior to the submission of the application in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The chiefs of the Migration Sectors/Teams with the RDMoI shall attach ex officio to the documents a search of records in the databases of the Ministry of Interior for the continuous residence of the foreigner in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria according to Article 331 (2) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act. The continuity of the residence in the territory of other Member States shall be established on the basis of an official certifying document presented by the foreigner and issued by the competent authorities of the said Member States.

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the persons referred to in Article 24f (3) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, who are family members of an EU Blue Card holder.

Article 53. (1) (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The application for the grant of a right of long-term residence shall be submitted not later than two months prior to the expiry of the period of authorised stay of the foreigner in the country.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018) The application shall be examined and decided within two months. In case of legal and factual complexity and a need to present additional documents or information, this time limit may be extended by two months, of which the foreigner shall be notified in writing, with instructions that the requisite documents and information must be presented within one month. In case the additional documents or information have not been presented within the time limit set, the procedure shall be terminated and the application shall not be subject to a review.

(3) The foreigner shall be notified in writing of the decision adopted according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(4) Upon the grant of a right of long-term residence, the services for administrative control of foreigners shall present to the foreigner an information brochure containing clarifications regarding the rights and obligations of the foreigner on the basis of the right acquired.

Article 54. For an extension of the right of residence of the family members of a long-term

resident foreigner, the person shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto, attaching thereto:

1. (repealed, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018);

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph and the identification particulars; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;

5. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a marriage certificate or a birth certificate;

6. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

7. medical documents on the existence of serious health reasons in the cases referred to in Article 2 (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

Article 55. To be granted a right of durable residence in pursuance of Article 24f (4) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 3 hereto, attaching thereto:

1. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph and the identification particulars; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;

5. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act;

6. documents certifying the dissolution of the marriage and a birth certificate;

7. a certificate issued by a school of the public education system or by a higher school within the territory of the country.

Article 56. (1) To re-acquire the right of long-term residence according to Article 24g of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the foreigner shall submit an application completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 6 hereto, attaching thereto:

1. a document proving payment of a stamp duty under Article 10 (3) of Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act;

2. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) a copy of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport showing the pages containing the photograph, the identification particulars; for verification of the authenticity of the copy, the original of the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be presented as well;

3. evidence of available housing accommodation;

4. (amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence, without recourse to the social assistance system, amounting to not less than the national minimum monthly wage or the national minimum pension;

5. compulsory medical insurance valid for the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the person does not have health insurance under the Health Insurance Act.

(2) The services for administrative control of foreigners shall attach an ex officio search of records in the databases of the Ministry of Interior for the legal staying of the foreigner during the last three years within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) The application shall be examined and decided according to Article 53 herein.

Section V

General Dispositions Regarding the Grant of Right of Residence

Article 57. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The Director of the Migration Directorate, the directors of the RDMoI or officials empowered thereby shall examine the documents of the foreigner for the grant of a right of residence after receiving an opinion in writing from the State Agency for National Security under Item 2 of Article 41 (1) of the State Agency for National Security Act.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015) The directors of the RDMoI or officials empowered thereby shall transmit the documents of foreigners for the grant of a right of permanent or long-term residence to the

Director of the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior for examination and decision after receiving an opinion in writing from the State Agency for National Security under Item 2 of Article 41 (1) of the State Agency for National Security Act.

Article 58. (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013) After adoption of a decision on the grant of a right of residence by the competent authority, the foreigner shall pay a stamp duty under Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act depending on the type of right of residence granted. Any failure to pay such stamp duty shall be grounds for termination of the procedure.

Article 59. (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) Where the grounds for withdrawal of the right of residence under Item 6 of Article 40 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act apply, residence in another Member State shall be proved by an official document issued by a competent authority of a Member State of the EU, entry and exit border stamps, documents evidencing accommodation at a hotel or other documents that may justify the residence in that Member State of the EU.

Article 60. The foreigners who have been granted a right of durable, long-term or permanent residence shall be issued residence documents under the terms and according to the procedure established by the Bulgarian Personal Documents Act and the Regulations for the Issuing of Bulgarian Personal Documents, adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No. 13 of 2010 (State Gazette No. 12 of 2010), after payment of stamp duties for the issuing of the documents under Rate Schedule No. 4 of Fees Collected within the System of the Ministry of Interior under the Stamp Duty Act.

Article 61. (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) The passport or document issued in lieu of a passport of persons under the age of 6 shall be stamped showing the authorised stay within the territory of the country.

Article 62. (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) For the verification of the facts and circumstances relating to the foreigner's legal status, he or she shall submit original documents or notarized copies thereof.

(2) In the event that the foreigner is unable to present a birth certificate or a marriage certificate, a duplicate copy of the record of birth or of the record of entry into marriage shall be presented.

(3) The application for right of residence to persons 14 to 18 years old shall be submitted by the parents or legal guardians of these persons. The application for granting right of residence to persons 14 to 18 years old shall be submitted in the presence of the parents or legal guardians, who shall sign the application in witness of their agreement. In the absence of a parent, tutor or curator, a notarised declaration of the consent thereof shall be attached. If one parent is deceased, has lost custody rights, or his or her whereabouts are unknown, the respective circumstances shall be verified from relevant documents.

(4) If the foreigner provides a rent agreement as evidence of secured accommodation, he or she shall also be required to provide a notarised statement by the landlord certifying that an address for stay has been provided.

Article 63. The competent authorities, who adopt a decision on the grant of a right of residence, may require or verify ex officio other documents and circumstances related to the legal status of the foreigner.

Chapter Two "a"
(New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017)
GRANT OF STATELESSNESS STATUS ACCORDING
TO THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS
OF STATELESS PERSONS, ADOPTED IN NEW YPRK
ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1954

Article 63a. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) A procedure for determining statelessness status shall be initiated upon the submission in person of an application in writing, completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 6a hereto, at the Migration Directorate or at Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI by a person who wishes to be recognised as a stateless person.

(2) Upon submission of the application, the authorities referred to in Paragraph (1) shall inform the applicant of the procedural rights and obligations thereof, of the consequence of a failure to comply with the obligations thereof under Items 2 to 5 of Article 21f of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, a memorandum being drawn up on this. The memorandum shall be signed by the applicant and by the official.

(3) The application shall be submitted to the authorities of the Migration Directorate or Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI with jurisdiction over the permanent address or the address of residence.

(4) The application of persons under the age of 14 shall be submitted by the parents or tutors thereof, and the application of persons over the age of 14 but under the age of 18 shall be countersigned by the parents or curators thereof. The application shall be submitted by one parent only where the other parent has been deprived of parental rights.

Article 63b. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) After the submission of the application, the Migration Directorate or the Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI shall conduct an interview, giving the applicant an advance notice of the date, place and time for conduct of an interview. For persons under the age of 14, the interview shall be conducted with the parents or tutors thereof. Upon the conduct of an interview with persons over the age of 14 but under the age of 18, they shall be accompanied by the parents or by the curators thereof.

(2) In the course of the interview, the Migration Directorate or Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI shall enter the following circumstances in a memorandum:

1. particulars of the applicant's identity (forename and surname, previous name and surname, previous citizenship, gender, place and date of birth, mother's maiden name);
2. particulars of the available identity and travel documents (type and number of the document, validity term, place and date of issue, name of issuing authority);
3. family status, place where marriage was entered into;
4. occupation and education;
5. place of residence in the country of habitual residence;
6. permanent address/address of residence in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) The memorandum on the interview shall be read by the applicant and shall be signed by the applicant and by the interviewing officials. For persons under the age of 14, the memorandum shall be signed by the parents and tutors thereof, and for persons over the age of 14 but under the age of 18, the memorandum shall be countersigned by the parents or by the curators thereof. In the case of unaccompanied minors, the memorandum shall be signed/countersigned according to Article 15 (7) of the Child Protection Act.

Article 63c. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) The Migration Directorate may conduct additional interviews with the applicant for the grant of statelessness status, giving the applicant a written notice of the date, place and time for conduct of the interview.

Article 63d. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) In the course of the procedure in connection with establishing a lack of citizenship, the applicant shall be required to prove or justify his or her situation of a stateless person, more specifically with regard to:

1. the place of birth thereof;
2. previous place of residence;
3. citizenship of the family members and parents thereof.

(2) A birth certificate, official documents certifying the circumstances covered under Paragraph (1) and a document on the applicant's legal staying within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be attached to the application.

(3) The Migration Directorate may request additional information from other government entities with a view to clarifying the circumstances about the eligibility for statelessness status.

Article 63e. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) After the conduct of the

interview, the Migration Directorate or Migration Sectors and Teams with RDMoI shall make the case file available to the State Agency for National Security or to the competent Territorial Directorates for National Security. The State Agency for National Security and the competent Territorial Directorate for National Security shall provide the opinion thereof in writing within 30 working days.

(2) For clarification of the facts and of the circumstances in connection with the procedure for determining statelessness status, the Migration Directorate or Migration Sectors and Teams with the RDMoI may make a copy of the case file available to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the provision of administrative assistance. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall provide the information requested within 45 days.

(3) The Migration Directorate may approach the Ministry of Justice with a request in writing for information regarding the citizenship of the person according to Item 2 of Article 40 (1) of the Bulgarian Citizenship Act, which shall be provided within 15 days.

Article 63f. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) The Director of the Migration Directorate shall grant, terminate, suspend, resume or refuse to grant statelessness status by a decision of which the applicant shall be notified in writing.

(2) The foreigner may withdraw an application for the grant of statelessness status as submitted by an express statement in writing.

(3) The decision shall be issued within six months from the submission of the application, and in cases of legal and factual complexity this time limit may be extended by a further two months.

(4) Where statelessness status is granted by the decision to an unaccompanied minor, the decision on the procedure shall furthermore be made available to the competent tutorship and curatorship authority with jurisdiction over the permanent address, temporary place of residence or accommodation.

Article 63g. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, acting through the representative thereof in the Republic of Bulgaria, shall be entitled to information as well as to access to each stage of the statelessness status determination procedure.

(2) The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees shall have the right to be present at the interviews conducted with the applicant.

Article 63h. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) Copies of the applicant's foreign documents establishing the identity thereof, the travel documents thereof, as well as any other documents containing data related to what is stated in the application, shall be attached to the said application for its consideration. The documents presented by the parties concerned, depending on the foreign State wherefrom the said documents originate, must conform to the requirements of the relevant provisions of bilateral international treaties or of the Convention

Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, done at The Hague on 5 October 1961, whereto the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, or of the Regulations for Legalisations, Certifications and Translations of Documents and Other Papers (State Gazette No. 73 of 1958), as well as to be furnished with translations into the Bulgarian language which are performed and certified according to the established procedure.

Article 63i. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) A foreigner whereto a statelessness status has been granted by another State and who is a permanent or long-term resident in the Republic of Bulgaria may be issued a travel document for stateless person, where documents proving compelling reasons for the renewal of the document by the original State of issue are attached, inter alia, to the application under Annex 3 to the Regulations for the Issuing of Bulgarian Personal Documents. As documents proving compelling reasons, the foreigner shall present official documents issued by the relevant diplomatic mission or consular post of the State which granted him or her statelessness status.

Chapter Two "b"

(New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018)

PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN CHILDREN

Article 63j. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) The police authority that discovers an unaccompanied foreign child shall notify the Social Assistance Directorate responsible for the area where the child is found and shall turn the child over forthwith to an official of the same directorate for placement of the child outside of his or her family in view of the existing danger to the child's life and health. The transfer of he child shall be documented as follows:

1. letter of notification in pursuance of Annex No. 6b;
2. medical and other available documents;
3. protocol of transfer in pursuance of Annex No. 6c;

(2) When the discovery under Paragraph (1) has taken place on a weekend or a public holiday, the police authority shall notify the Social Assistance Directorate for the purpose of undertaking immediate joint action in providing police protection and accommodation at a social facility of residential type or at a specialised institution in the area of responsibility of the Social Assistance Directorate. When the child is handed over for placement, apart from the documents described in Items 1 and 2 of Paragraph (1), a protocol of transfer and acceptance shall be prepared under Article 43 of the Child Protection Act.

(3) If it is established that the unaccompanied foreign child is staying at a special center for temporary placement of foreigners, the authorities of the Migration Directorate shall notify the Social Assistance Directorate responsible for the respective area and shall forthwith turn the child over to an official of the Directorate. The transfer of the child shall be documented as follows:

1. letter of notification in pursuance of Item 1 of Paragraph (1);
2. medical certificate of a completed medical examination;
3. copies of the orders for applying coercive and precautionary administrative measures;
4. copies of other relevant documents annexed to the foreign child's personal file;
5. protocol of transfer in pursuance of Annex No. 6c;

(4) If an unaccompanied foreign child seeks international protection in the Republic of Bulgaria, following the registration of the child's request by the authority that discovered the child, the child shall be handed over along with the documents described in Paragraph (1) to the head of the registration and processing centre of the State Agency for Refugees or to a person duly authorised by the head.

(5) If an unaccompanied foreign child has not submitted a request for international protection, the authorities of the Migration Directorate or the Migration Sectors/Groups with the RDMoI shall interview the child within seven days of the child's placement by an order for emergency placement outside the family in a social residential facility or in a specialised institution.

(6) The facts and circumstances with regard to the whereabouts of the parents or other persons responsible for the child by law or custom as well as other relevant data relating to the child's situation and free will should be established in the course of the interview conducted under Paragraph (5). The Social Assistance Directorate shall appoint a representative of the child who shall attend the interview and present an opinion, or if that representative is unable to do so, he or she shall submit a report within 10 days.

(7) During the interview under Paragraph (5), the unaccompanied foreign child shall be entitled to an interpreter in the language the child understands and to legal assistance if coercive and precautionary administrative measures are applied. The granting of legal assistance shall be organised by the representative of the Social Assistance Directorate and shall be provided as stipulated by the Legal Aid Act.

(8) The interview under Paragraph (5) shall be documented by a protocol signed by the official who conducted the interview, the foreign child if older than 14 years of age, and the representative of the Social Assistance Directorate.

Chapter Three

FOREIGNERS' LEAVING THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Article 64. (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) A foreigner may leave the Republic of Bulgaria through a border crossing checkpoint on a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport on which he or she has entered the country, or on another substitute document within the period of authorised stay thereof, except in the cases of bans imposed and enforceable under Article 43 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and Article 68 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Article 65. (1) (Supplemented, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) A foreigner, whose passport or document issued in lieu of a passport has been lost or destroyed or the validity term thereof has expired, may leave the country after the issuing of a valid passport or document issued in lieu of a passport or of a return document by the diplomatic mission or consular post of the country whose citizenship he or she holds. The foreigner shall be obligated to notify the services for administrative control of foreigners of the newly issued document, which will provide him/her with a certificate thereof.

(2) The documents of a stateless person required for exit from the Republic of Bulgaria in the cases referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be issued by the diplomatic mission or consular post of the country of permanent or habitual residence of the person.

Article 66. (Amended, SG No. 110/2013) The Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall issue a provisional document for leaving the Republic of Bulgaria in case the State whose citizenship the foreigner holds does not have a diplomatic mission or consular post in the Republic of Bulgaria or the said mission or post refuse to issue the relevant document.

Article 67. The foreigner shall be systematically informed of his or her rights and obligations and of the existing possibilities for contact with national, international and non-governmental organisations and bodies and for participation in an assisted voluntary return programme.

Chapter Four

COERCIVE ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

Article 68. (1) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 41/2013, supplemented, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The authorities referred to in Article 44 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall have the option not to issue an order imposing a coercive administrative measure under Items 2 and 3 of Article 39a (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act if the foreigner concerned is readmitted by another Member State of the EU on the basis of bilateral readmission agreements or arrangements, in force by the date of entry into force of Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (OJ, L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 98 - 107) or where a residence permit or some other permit granting a right of stay in another Member State of the EU has been issued thereto.

(2) The authorities referred to in Article 44 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act may revoke or stay the enforcement of an entry ban imposed as a coercive administrative measure in the cases where the foreigner proves that he or she has left the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria within the period for voluntary departure allowed thereto.

Article 69. (1) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) Where the right of residence in the Republic of Bulgaria of a foreigner has been withdrawn or refused, or there is an enforceable decision to refuse, terminate or withdraw international protection or asylum with regard to the foreigner, or the procedure under the Asylum and Refugees Act has been terminated with regard to the foreigner by an enforceable decision, unless the termination has been decreed vis-a-vis a foreigner for whom there is a decision on readmission to the Republic of Bulgaria and the procedure has not been resumed, the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport shall be stamped by the services for administrative control of foreigners specifying the deadline for leaving the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017, supplemented, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Where an order imposing coercive administrative measures under Articles 41, 42, 42a or 42g of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act has been issued in respect of a foreigner, the passport or the document issued in lieu of a passport shall be stamped by the authorities of the Migration Directorate showing the coercive administrative measure imposed. The border control authorities shall not stamp documents when carrying out coercive administrative measures.

(3) Where the withdrawal of long-term resident status does not lead to expulsion, the person concerned shall be authorised to stay in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria if the said person meets any of the grounds conferring the right of residence under the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and if the said person is not a threat to public policy and national security.

Article 70. (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) A foreigner, whose right of

residence has been withdrawn in pursuance of Item 2 of Article 40 (1) in conjunction with Item 8 of Article 10 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and who has not left the country within the time limit set in the order, shall be returned to a country of origin, country of transit or third country according to the order under Article 41 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act. Until his or her removal from the country, the foreigner shall be placed at a specialised medical-treatment facility for hospital care.

Article 71. (1) (Previous text of Article 71, SG No. 41/2013, amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Where a foreigner who is the subject of a coercive administrative measure under Article 41, 42 or 42a of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act is removed from the Republic of Bulgaria by air, the foreigner shall be escorted by designated officials of the services for administrative control of foreigners or other competent entities of the Ministry of Interior to the foreigner's country of origin, a country of transit, or a third country.

(2) (New, SG No. 41/2013) In each instance of removal by air, the Common Guidelines on security provisions for joint removals by air shall be complied with, as annexed to Council Decision 2004/573/EC of 29 April 2004 on the organisation of joint flights for removal from the territory of two or more Member States, of third-country nationals who are subjects of individual removal orders (OJ, L 261, 6.08.2004, p. 44-51).

Article 72. (1) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) The precautionary order referred to in Item 1 of Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall specify any obstacles to the foreigner's ability to immediately leave the country, the address of residence of the foreigner and the time at which he or she must report at the stand-by unit of the territorial entity of the Ministry of Interior.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) A copy of the order issued under Paragraph (1) shall be sent for execution to the territorial structure of the Ministry of Interior responsible for the area of residence of the foreigner.

(3) The reporting of the foreigner shall be recorded in a special register at the stand-by unit, and any such record shall be signed by the foreigner.

(4) The address of residence of the foreigners shall be stated in writing by completing a registration card in a standard form as set out in Annex 1 hereto.

(5) (New, SG No. 110/2013, amended and supplemented, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017, amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Any person, who makes available an address of residence to a foreigner whereon a coercive administrative measure had been imposed, shall present a declaration completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 7 hereto with simultaneous notarisation of the signature and content, and shall furnish evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence of the foreigner staying illegally in an amount not lower than the minimum wage for the country. Where the person who makes available an address of residence does not own the housing accommodation, a notarised declaration completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 7a hereto to the effect that the owner or owner consents to the accommodation of the particular foreigner at the address shall be

attached as well. Upon any change in the circumstances declared, the competent administrative authority which imposed the precautionary measure under Item 1 of Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall be notified forthwith.

Article 72a. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) After expiration of the maximum term for enforced placement of foreigners in special accommodation centres under Article 44 (8) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act or when an administrative court has revoked the orders for enforced placement or has ruled for discharge, the authority that issued the orders for application of a coercive administrative measure or the director of the Migration Directorate, having duly assessed the pertinent circumstances and if the necessary conditions are in place, may impose a precautionary measure under Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

(2) In the cases described in Paragraph (1) when the foreigner is staying at a facility stipulated by the Tourism Act, the requirements under Article 72 (5) shall not apply. The foreigner shall present as evidence thereof an address card or other certifying document.

Article 72b. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) If a precautionary measure is applied under Item 2 of Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the order shall establish, after due assessment of all pertinent circumstances, the value of a bond from BGN 500 to BGN 5 000 commensurate with the expenditure incurred by the foreigner's deportation or extradition. The order shall specify the bank account number to which the bond must be transferred and the bank account number to be used for releasing the bond. The foreigner shall provide in writing the account number to which the released bond amount should be transferred.

(2) The bond thereby established shall be transferred to the bank account specified by the authority that imposed the cautionary measure within three days of receipt of the order.

(3) A bond may be released by the authority that imposed the cautionary measure within 10 days by bank transfer to the account specified by the foreigner after:

1. receipt of evidence that the coercive administrative measure has been executed;
2. the precautionary measure under Item 2 of Article 44 (5) has been revoked;
3. revocation of the coercive administrative measure.

(4) The bond shall be collected by the State when:

1. the foreigner fails to fulfill the requirements set by some other cautionary measure imposed under Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act;

2. the bank account specified by the foreigner is inactive or expired within one year of the date on which the grounds for releasing the bond arose;

3. the foreigner attempted to leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria in a manner other than the ones stipulated by law.

(5) The body that imposed the cautionary measure under Item 2 of Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall issue a decision thereby establishing the presence of the circumstances described in Paragraph (4) and shall determine that the bond amount would not be due for release. The decision shall be appealable according to the procedure established by the Administrative Procedure Code.

(6) All bank costs in relation to the servicing of the bond, including its release, shall be borne by the foreigner.

Article 72c. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) Where foreigners are forcibly placed in special institutions for temporary stay of foreigners, the precautionary measure under Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act may be imposed by the same competent authority under Article 44 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act which imposed the coercive administrative measure or by the director of the Migration Directorate, if the initial placement period has expired.

(2) When the precautionary measure under Item 2 of Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act is imposed, the foreigner shall be released from the special center for temporary stay of foreigners after paying in the amount of the bond.

Article 72d. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) When imposing the cautionary measure under Item 3 of Article 44 (5) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the order whereby the measure is imposed shall specify the kind, number, date of issue, and date of validity of the passport or other valid travel document presented by the foreigner.

(2) Prior to the issuing of the order under Paragraph (1) the foreigner shall present the document for the purpose of verification and this shall be documented by a protocol of voluntary submission.

(3) A receipt shall be produced to evidence the return of a passport or other document submitted as a bond.

Article 73. (1) Where expulsion under Article 42a of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act cannot be effected at the expense of the foreigner, the authorities of the Ministry of Interior shall notify the competent authorities of the other Member States of the EU which have issued the expulsion decision of the costs incurred in connection with the enforcement of the said decision complying with the terms and procedure of Council Decision 2004/191/EC of 23 February 2004 setting out the criteria and practical arrangements for the compensation of the financial imbalances resulting from the application of Directive 2001/40/EC on the mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third-country nationals (OJ L 60 of 27.02.2004, p. 55 – 57, Special edition in Bulgarian).

(2) (Amended, SG No. 110/2013) Upon request for assistance under Article 47a of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the authorities of the Ministry of Interior shall transmit to the competent authorities of another Member State of the European Union a request in writing completed in a standard form as set out in Annex 8 hereto.

Article 74. (1) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017, supplemented, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Where a foreigner whereon a coercive administrative measure has been imposed under Article 41 or 42 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act does not hold a passport or document issued in lieu of a passport, the authorities of the Migration Directorate shall supply him or her with such a document through the respective diplomatic mission or consular post of the State whose citizenship the foreigner holds, or should this be impossible, through the Consular Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the event that a readmission agreement exists, if the foreigner does not meet or no longer meets the conditions for entry and stay on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and does not possess a valid travel document, the authorities of the Border Police Chief Directorate shall provide the said foreigner with such a document through the competent authorities of the third countries as stipulated by the agreement.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) The authorities of the Migration Directorate shall procure the tickets for the journey for the removal of a foreigner on an order issued under Article 41 or 42 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, including where the foreigner leaves the country voluntarily but cannot procure the said tickets by his or her own means.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) Upon enforcement of the coercive administrative measures under Article 41 or 42 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act vis-a-vis a foreigner who is a serious threat to public policy, national security, the life and health of other persons, the foreigner shall be escorted by officials of the Migration Directorate, the Chief Directorate Border Police of the Ministry of Interior or other competent entities of the Ministry of Interior.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 51/2017, effective

27.06.2017) Upon the escort and surrender of the foreigner subject to return and expulsion from the country, the measures for security and protection shall be complied with and auxiliary means shall be applied according to the procedure established by Article 85 of the Ministry of Interior Act.

Article 74a. (New, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) (1) When it is impossible to provide an illegally residing foreigner with a document under Article 74 (1) and the coercive administrative measure under Article 41 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act must be executed, the authorities of the Migration Directorate may issue an European travel document for return in compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/1953 of the European Parliament and Council of 26 October 2016 on the establishment of a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals, and repealing the Council Recommendation of 30 November 1994 (OJ, L 311/13 of 17 November 2016). The authorities of the Border Police Chief Directorate shall issue an European travel document if there is a readmission agreement.

(2) The document described in Paragraph (1) may be issued only if it is recognised by the country to which the foreigner is due to be returned.

Article 75. (1) (Amended, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Upon return or expulsion of a foreigner, the officials of the services for administrative control of foreigners shall hand the officer on duty or the chief of shift of the border control at the border crossing checkpoint the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport of the foreigner, the tickets for the journey, a copy of the order imposing a coercive administrative measure and a memorandum of delivery and acceptance in duplicate. The memorandum shall be signed by the delivering and accepting official, who shall keep one copy thereof each.

(2) In the cases referred to in Paragraph (1), the identification particulars of the foreigner shall be recorded in the appropriate databases of the Ministry of Interior.

Article 76. (1) (Previous text of Article 76, SG No. 110/2013, repealed, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018).

(2) (New, SG No. 110/2013, amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014) The procedure for conduct of monthly ex officio verifications under Article 44 (8) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall be established by order of the Director of the Migration Directorate, in consultation with the heads of entities under Article 44 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

Article 77. (New, SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017) (1) The period of short-term placement under Article 44 (13) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act shall be ignored when calculating the total admissible period of forced placement of a foreigner for the purposes of return and expulsion.

(2) (Repealed, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018).

(3) (Repealed, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018).

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

§ 1. (Amended, SG No. 60/2014, effective 22.07.2014, SG No. 57/2015, effective 28.07.2015, repealed, SG No. 47/2019).

§ 2. (Amended, SG No. 57/2018, effective 10.07.2018) Within the meaning given by these Regulations:

1. "Unaccompanied" is a minor or a person 14 to 18 years old who is present on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without being accompanied by a parent or other adult who is responsible for this person under Bulgarian law or custom.

2. "Adults responsible under law" for unaccompanied minors or persons 14 to 18 years old other than the parents are legal guardians determined or appointed by an act of a competent authority under the laws of the respective State.

3. "Adults responsible by custom" for unaccompanied minors or persons 14 to 18 years old shall be adult relatives in ascending line without limitation to level as well as collateral adult relatives up to three steps removed.

§ 3. (Amended, SG No. 110/2013) "Continuous residence" under Articles 36 (2), 38, 38a and Article 42 (2) herein shall apply where the foreigner resides legally: on a visa, by virtue of international treaties or on the basis of an act of the Council of Ministries on visa-free entry clearance or relaxed visa requirements or after authorisation by the authorities of the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, provided the said authorisations have been issued successively, without intervening interruptions. A time of up to seven days, during which reasons brooking no delay made it impossible for the foreigner to submit documents for the issuing of a long-term residence permit, and during which the foreigner did not leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, shall not be treated as interruption.

§ 4. All documents in a foreign language, which are presented by foreigners for ascertainment of facts and circumstances regarding the legal status of the said foreigners, must be translated and legalised according to a procedure established by an act of the Council of Ministers.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 5. These Regulations are adopted in pursuance of § 5 of the Transitional and Final

Provisions of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

§ 6. The foreigners, who have been granted right of residence in pursuance of Item 11 (as repealed) of Article 24 (1) of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, may have the right of residence thereof extended according to the procedure established by Article 11 (4) herein if they meet any of the grounds conferring the right of residence under the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

§ 7. The implementation of these Regulations shall be entrusted to the Minister of Interior, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

to Council of Ministers Decree No. 209 of 21 July 2014 to amend and supplement the Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (SG No. 61/2014, effective 25.07.2014)

§ 3. The decree also applies to requests submitted until the date of its entry into force.

§ 4. The decree shall enter into force from the date of its publication in the State Gazette.

Council of Ministers Decree No. 128

of 26 May 2015 to amend and supplement

statutory instruments of the Council of Ministers

(SG No. 40/2015)

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§ 26. In the Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, adopted by Decree No. 179 of the Council of Ministers of 2011 (promulgated in the State Gazette No. 51 of 2011, amended and supplemented, SG Nos. 41, 62 and 110 of 2013 and Nos. 60 and 61 of 2014) shall be amended as follows:

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2. The words "Ministry of Economy and Energy" shall be replaced passim by "Ministry of Economy".

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Council of Ministers Decree No. 122

of 23 June 2017 to amend and supplement the Regulations

for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act

(SG No. 51/2017, effective 27.06.2017)

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§ 16. In the Regulations, the words "the foreign travel document" shall be replaced passim by "the passport or document issued in lieu of a passport", the words "civil marriage" shall be replaced passim by "marriage", and the words "evidence of sufficient means of subsistence" shall be replaced passim by "evidence of stable, regular, predictable and sufficient means of subsistence".

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TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

to Council of Ministers Decree No. 221 of 5 October 2017

to amend and supplement the Regulations for Application

of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act

(SG No. 81/2017, effective 1.01.2018)

§ 18. Any procedures for the grant of durable, permanent and long-term residence to foreigners in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, which have commence prior to the entry into force of this Decree, shall be completed according to the hitherto effective procedure.

§ 19. This Decree shall enter into force as from the 1st day of January 2018 with the exception of § 11 herein, which shall enter into force as from when it becomes technically possible to receive information ex officio.

Annex 1
to Article 9 (2)

АДРЕСНА КАРТА НА ЧУЖДЕНЕЦ REGISTRATION CARD OF FOREIGNER Гражданство Nationality:	ЛНЧ: Personal number ЕГН: Citizen number	Пол МЖ	Sex MF
имена по реда на изписване в документа за самоличност – на латиница Names – in the order they are written in the identity document (with latin letters)			
имена на кирилица – попълва се служебно Names with Cyrillic letters – written by the official Роден(а) Date and place of birth:			
_____ <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i> _____ <i>country</i> Документ _____ Издаден на _____ за самоличност _____ Date of issue: _____ Identity document: _____ Валиден до _____ _____ <i>series, number, country</i> _____ <i>Date of expiry</i>			
Цел на пребиваване Purpose of stay:			
Адрес: Област: Address: Region:		Служебна информация Official information	
Община Municipality:			
Гр./село Town/Village:			
Ж.к. Housing estate:			
Бул./ул. Blvd./Street: _____ № _____			
Блок Block of flats: _____ № _____			
Вх. Ет. Ан. Entrance: _____ Floor: _____ Flat: _____			
Подпис на чужденеца Foreigner's signature:			
Домакин (имена):			
М Ж ЕГН/ЛНЧ			
Подпис на домакина:			
Хотел, МЯСТО за ПОДСЛОН: _____ <i>на име на валиде</i>			
Подпис на регистратора		Регистриран в Дата на регистрация	

ATTENTION!

In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Bulgaria, after your arriving in the country you are obliged to declare in 5 days your address of stay and every change of the address. It must be done at the local service for administrative control of foreigners.

The address registration can be done by a juridical or physical person, who gave you accommodation.

Please keep the registration card until leaving the Republic of Bulgaria.

ACHTUNG!

Laut Gesetzgebung der Republik Bulgarien sind Sie verpflichtet nach Einreise ins Land und bei jedem Adressechsel, sich innerhalb von 5 tages im Auslanderamt (bei der zustandigen Polizeistation) an Ihrem jeweiligen Aufenthaltsort anzumelden.

Ihre Anmeldung darf eine naturliche oder juristische Person ausfuhren, die Ihnen Unterkunft zur Verfugung gestellt hat.

Bitte, bewahren Sie die Anmeldekarte auf, bis Sie aus der Republik Bulgarien ausreisen.

ATTENTION!

Conformement aux lois de la Republique de Bulgarie, vous ktes oblige (dans le delai de 5 jours apres votre entree dans le pays et aussi apres chaque changement d'adresse) de declarer votre adresse dans le service de police.

La carte de declaration peut ktre deposee tant par vous-mkme que par celui (personne morale ou physique) qui vous heberge.

Gardez cette carte jusqu'a la fin de votre sejour en Bulgarie.

ВНИМАНИЕ!

Согласно законодательству Республики Болгарии при въезде в страну, а также и при всяком изменении адреса в срок до 5 дней вы обязуетесь письменно декларировать адрес, по которому будете пребывать, перед службой административного контроля над иностранцами по местам их пребывания.

Адресная регистрация может быть осуществлена физическим или юридическим лицом, обеспечивающим Вас жилищной площадью.

Сохраняйте адресный картой до окончательного выезда из Республики Болгарии.

ВНИМАНИЕ!

Съгласно законодателството на Република България Вие сте длъжен след влизане в страната, както и при всяка промяна на адреса в срок до 5 дни да декларирате писмено адреса, на който пребивавате, пред службата за административен контрол на чужденците по местопребиваване.

Адресната регистрация може да бъде извършена от физическо или юридическо лице, предоставило Ви подслон.

Пазете адресната карта до напускане на Република България.

Annex 2
to Article 11 (1)

Reg. No.: _____ Date: _____	
	TO THE DIRECTOR OF _____
	APPLICATION
	for extension of residence of a foreigner in the Republic of Bulgaria
by	_____
	(names in Latin characters as written in national travel document)

	(names in Cyrillic characters)
	Born on _____, in the City (Village) of _____, country _____
	Citizenship: _____
	National document series/No.: _____,
	issued by _____, date of expiry _____
	Address in the Republic of Bulgaria: City (Village) of _____, Region: _____,
	_____ St./Blvd.,
	Block _____, Entr. _____, Floor _____, Apt. _____, contact telephone: _____

Foreigner Personal Number: _____

I entered the Republic of Bulgaria on _____ through _____ border crossing checkpoint

on a Type _____ visa for a period of _____ for the purpose of _____

I request to be granted right of residence in the Republic of Bulgaria under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act for the following reasons _____

I attach the following documents:

Date: _____	Applicant's signature: _____	
	Official who accepted application: _____	
		(official's names and signature)

For official use only:	
Duration of stay under visa from _____ to _____	
Right of durable residence of a foreigner in the Republic of Bulgaria granted under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act until (date) _____	
Date: _____	Official's signature: _____
	(official's names and signature)
Stamp duty paid: _____	

Annex 3
to Article 12 (1)

Reg. No.: _____	
Date: _____	
	TO THE DIRECTOR OF _____
	APPLICATION
	for the grant of right of durable residence of a foreigner in the Republic of Bulgaria
by _____	

(names in Latin characters as written in national travel document)

(names in Cyrillic characters)

Born on _____, in the City (Village) of _____, country

Citizenship: _____

National document series/No.: _____,

issued by _____, date of expiry _____

Address in the Republic of Bulgaria: City (Village) of _____, Region: _____,

_____ St./Blvd.,

Block _____, Entr. _____, Floor _____, Apt. _____, contact telephone: _____

Foreigner Personal Number: _____

I entered the Republic of Bulgaria on _____ through _____ border crossing checkpoint

on a Type _____ visa for a period of _____ for the purpose of _____

I request to be granted right of durable residence in the Republic of Bulgaria under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act for the following reasons

<p>I attach the following documents:</p>	
Date: _____	Applicant's signature: _____
	Official who accepted application: _____
	(official's names and signature)
<p>For official use only:</p> <p>Right of durable residence of a foreigner in the Republic of Bulgaria granted under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act until (date) _____</p>	
Date: _____	Official's signature: _____
	(official's names and signature)
Stamp duty paid: _____	

Reg. No.: _____		
Date: _____		
		TO THE DIRECTOR OF _____
APPLICATION		
	for the grant of right of permanent residence of a foreigner in the Republic of Bulgaria	
by _____		
	(names in Latin characters as written in national travel document)	

	(names in Cyrillic characters)	
Born on _____, in the City (Village) of _____, country _____		
Citizenship: _____		
National document series/No.: _____,		
issued by _____, date of expiry _____		
Address in the Republic of Bulgaria: City (Village) of _____, Region: _____,		

St./Blvd.,		
Block _____, Entr. _____, Floor _____, Apt. _____, contact telephone: _____		

Foreigner Personal Number: _____

I entered the Republic of Bulgaria on _____ through _____ border crossing checkpoint

on a Type _____ visa for a period of _____ for the purpose of _____

I request to be granted right of permanent residence in the Republic of Bulgaria under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act for the following reasons

I attach the following documents:

Date: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Official _____ who _____ accepted _____ application:

		(official's names and signature)
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<p>For official use only:</p> <p>Right of permanent residence of a foreigner in the Republic of Bulgaria granted under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.</p>		
Date: _____	Official's signature: _____	
		(official's names and signature)
Stamp duty paid: _____		

Annex 5
to Item 7 of Article 44 (1)

	DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT
The undersigned	
	(enter declarant's full name)
Citizen Number (for foreigners, enter Foreigner Personal Number or another equivalent	
	personal number according to identity document)
holder of identity document No., issued on	
by, date of expiry	
permanent address:	

in my capacity as:

.....

.....

(state investor company which has received investment class certificate under Investment Promotion Act)

which has been issued Investment Class Certificate No. under the Investment Promotion Act, implementing the following investment project:

.....

.....

(state title of project according to certificate)

DO HEREBY DECLARE that:

1. The person,

(state name of person applying for permanent residence permit, in Latin characters and in Bulgarian)

born on, holder of identity document No.,

issued on by, date of expiry

citizenship

participates in the implementation/maintenance of the investment project in the following capacity:

.....;

.....;

(partner or shareholder of registered shares in company; person representing company or member of Management Board, Supervisory Board or Board of Directors, and in case member is non-resident legal person, their representative on board as appropriate; key positions for fulfilment of specific tasks of control, organisation and co-ordination of implementation and maintenance of investment).

2. The investor company, named above, will make available housing accommodation and

sufficient means of subsistence to the natural-person foreigner, without recourse to the social assistance system, according to the legislation of the Republic of Bulgaria, in the cases where the person does not dispose of such accommodation and means of his or her own.

3. The investor company will immediately notify the Ministry of Interior of the termination of the membership, contractual or other legal relation with the natural-person foreigner, as well as of the occurrence of the circumstances covered under Article 44 (1) of the Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

4. The investor company:

(a) is not adjudicated in bankruptcy or pending bankruptcy proceedings have not been instituted against it;

(b) has not reached an out-of-court settlement with the creditors thereof within the meaning given by Article 740 of the Commerce Act;

(c) is not being wound up;

(d) does not incur any pecuniary obligations to the State or a municipality within the meaning given by Article 162 (2) of the Tax and Social-Insurance Procedure Code, established by an enforceable act of a competent authority (save as where a rescheduling or deferral of the said obligations has been allowed);

(e) does not owe unpaid labour remunerations to factory and office workers, ascertained by an enforceable penalty decree by the competent directorate of the General Labour Inspectorate Executive Agency.

5. The investor company has issued and has not withdrawn such declaration of commitment for (number of) foreigners.

Date:		
City		Declarant:
		(corporate signature and seal)

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Reg. No.: _____ Date: _____	
	TO THE DIRECTOR OF _____
	APPLICATION for the grant of long-term resident foreigner status in the Republic of Bulgaria
by _____	
	(names in Latin characters as written in national travel document)
_____ _____	
	(names in Cyrillic characters)
Born on _____, in the City (Village) of _____, country _____	
Citizenship: _____	
National document series/No.: _____, issued by _____, date of expiry _____	
Address in the Republic of Bulgaria: City (Village) of _____, Region: _____	
_____ St./Blvd.,	
Block _____, Entr. _____, Floor _____, Apt. _____, contact telephone: _____	

Foreigner Personal Number: _____

I entered the Republic of Bulgaria on _____ through _____ border crossing checkpoint

on a Type _____ visa for a period of _____ for the purpose of _____

I request to be granted long-term resident foreigner status in the Republic of Bulgaria under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act for the following reasons

I attach the following documents:

Date: _____	Applicant's _____ signature:	
	Official who accepted application: _____	
		(official's names and signature)
_____ For official use only:		

Long-term resident foreigner status in the Republic of Bulgaria granted under Article _____ of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.						
Date: _____			Official's _____ signature:			
					(official's names and signature)	
Stamp _____ duty _____ paid:						

Annex 6a
to Article 63a (1)
(New, SG No. 51/2017,
effective

27.06.2017)

Рег N:

Дата:

ДО

ДИРЕКТОРА НА

ДИРЕКЦИЯ „МИГРАЦИЯ“

TO THE DIRECTOR OF MIGRATION

DIRECTORATE

ЗАЯВЛЕНИЕ/ДЕКЛАРАЦИЯ
ЗА ПРЕДОСТАВЯНЕ НА СТАТУТ ЛИЦЕ БЕЗ ГРАЖДАНСТВО

APPLICATION
FOR THE STATUS AS A STATELESS PERSON

ПОПЪЛВАНЕТО НА ВСИЧКИ ПОЛЕТА Е ЗАДЪЛЖИТЕЛНО
ALL FIELDS ARE MANDATORY

ЛИЧНИ ДАННИ/ PERSONAL DETAILS

ИМЕНА НА КАНДИДАТА/FULL NAME OF APPLICANT:

ФАМИЛИЯ/SURNAME: _____

СОБСТВЕНО ИМЕ/NAME: _____

ГРАЖДАНСТВО/NATIONALITY:

ПРЕДИШНО ГРАЖДАНСТВО/
OTHER NATIONALITY:

НАРОДНОСТ:

БИЛО ЛИ Е ЛИЦЕТО ГРАЖДАНИН НА
НЯКОЯ ДЪРЖАВА?/

PREVIOUS NATIONALITY:

ДОКУМЕНТ ЗА ПРОМЯНА НА
ГРАЖДАНСТВОТО/DOCUMENT FOR
CHANGED NATIONALITY:

ДАТА НА РАЖДАНЕ/DATE OF BIRTH:

НОМЕР НА НАЦИОНАЛЕН ДОКУМЕНТ ЗА САМОЛИЧНОСТ/ПАСПОРТ ИЛИ ЛИЧНА КАРТА/
NATIONAL ID DOCUMENT NUMBER/PASSPORT, ID CARD/:

ДАТА НА ИЗДАВАНЕ/DATA OF ISSUE:

ДАТА НА ВАЛИДНОСТ/DATA OF EXPIRY:

ДЕН/ DATE МЕСЕЦ/ MONTH ГОДИНА/YEAR

ДЕН/ DATE МЕСЕЦ/ MONTH ГОДИНА/YEAR

ДАННИ ЗА ПРЕБИВАВАНЕ/DATA FOR CURRENT RESIDENCE:

1. ПРОДЪЛЖИТЕЛНО/PROLONGED RESIDENCE

2. ПОСТОЯННО/RESIDENCE PERMIT

3. ДЪЛГОСРОЧНО/LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

4. НЯМАМ ПРЕДОСТАВЕНО ПРАВО НА ПРЕБИВАВАНЕ НА ТЕРИТОРИЯТА НА РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ
HAVE NO RESIDENCE PERMIT IN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

5. ДРУГО/OTHER

ПЪРВО ВЛИЗАНЕ В РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ: ДЕН/DATE МЕСЕЦ/MONTH ГОДИНА/YEAR

DATE OF FIRST ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

РАЗРЕШЕН СТАТУТ НА ПРЕБИВАВАНЕ В ЧУЖБИНА/DO YOU HAVE RESIDENCE IN
COUNTRY?

ПОСЛЕДНО ВЛИЗАНЕ В РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ: ДЕН/DATE МЕСЕЦ/MONTH ГОДИНА/YEAR

DATE OF LAST ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA:

АДРЕС В РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ/ADDRESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA:

АДРЕС ЗА КОРЕСПОНДЕНЦИЯ/ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

АДРЕС В ЧУЖБИНА/YOUR ADDRESS IN OTHER COUNTRY:

ТЕЛЕФОН ЗА ВРЪЗКА, GSM, E-MAIL, ФАКС И ДРУГИ:

TELEPHONE NUMBER, MOBILE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER AND OTHER
DETAILS:

ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ: БЕЗ

ОСНОВНО

СРЕДНО

EDUCATION: WITHOUT

PRIMARY

SECONDARY

ВИСШЕ

УЧАЩ

HIGH

STUDENT

МЕСТОРАБОТА:

WORK PLACE:

<input type="checkbox"/> съпруг /husband	<input type="checkbox"/> съпруга/wife	<input type="checkbox"/> партньор
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ИМЕНА/NAME :

ФАМИЛИЯ/SURNAME : _____

СОБСТВЕНО ИМЕ/NAME : _____

ГРАЖДАНСТВО / NATIONALITY:	ДРУГО ГРАЖДАНСТВО/OTHER NATIONALITY:
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ДАТА НА РАЖДАНЕ/DATE OF BIRTH:

ДЕН/DATE	МЕСЕЦ/MONTH	ГОДИНА/YEAR
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ПОЛ/SEX:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
мъж/ male	жена/ female

МЯСТО НА РАЖДАНЕ/PLACE OF BIRTH:

<u>ДЕЦА/CHILDREN</u>			
ИМЕНА/NAMES :	ДАТА НА РАЖДАНЕ/ DATE OF BIRTH:	ГРАЖДАНСТВО/ NATIONALITY:	ПОЛ/ SEX
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

РОДИТЕЛИ/PARENTS :

ИМЕНА/NAMES	ДАТА НА	ГРАЖДАНСТВО/
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БРАТЯ/СЕСТРИ/BROTHERS/SISTERS:

ИМЕНА/NAMES	ДАТА НА РАЖДАНЕ/ DATE OF BIRTH:	ГРАЖДАНСТВО/ NATIONALITY:	ПОЛ/ SEX:
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.....

ДОКУМЕНТИ, КОИТО ПРИЛАГАТЕ КЪМ ЗАЯВЛЕНИЕТО/

DOCUMENT ENCLOSED WITH THE APPLICATION

КСЕРОКОПИЕ ОТ НАЦИОНАЛНИЯ ДОКУМЕНТ ЗА САМОЛИЧНОСТ/
COPY OF YOUR NATIONAL DOCUMENT

УДОСТОВЕРЕНИЕ ЗА РАЖДАНЕ/BIRTH CERTIFICATE

ДАТА:.....

DATE

ПОДПИС НА ДЕКЛАРИРАЩИЯ:.....

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

ПРИЕЛ ЗАЯВЛЕНИЕТО/ДЕКЛАРАЦИЯТА/RECEIVED BY:.....

ИМЕНА, ПОДПИС//NAMES, SIGNATURE

СЛУЖЕБНА ИНФОРМАЦИЯ/FOR OFFICIAL ONLY:

Annex 6b
to Article 63j, paragraph 1, item 1
(New, SG No. 57/2018,
effective 10.07.2018)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ACT

(name of the structure)

Reg No. / Copy No.

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NOTIFICATION LETTER

Re: Unattended foreign child discovered

DEAR MR/MS DIRECTOR,

We would like to inform you that on in.....

(date)

(place)

while authorities were inspecting they discovered an unaccompanied foreign child with the following
from a document/declared by the child (cross out information that does not apply):

Names: Sex:.....

Born on in

Country of origin:.....

Language which the child understands:.....

Country from which the child entered the Republic of Bulgaria:

Health status:

Personal history and family connections (parents, other relatives, accompanying persons: personal data
.....

Risk factors identified (trafficking, operation of human smuggling channels, violence):

Any other information.

In pursuance of Article 63j of the Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria
asked to appoint an employee of the Directorate managed by you for the purpose of the transfer of the child
protective measures under the Child Protection Act.

DIRECTOR/HEAD:

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.....

City (village)

Annex 6c

to Article 63j, paragraph 1, item 3
(New, SG No. 57/2018,
effective 10.07.2018)

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

(name of the structure)

Reg No. /Copy No.

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PROTOCOL OF TRANSFER-AND-ACCEPTANCE

on transfer of unaccompanied foreign child

Today, athrs, the child:

(child's names according to identity document or as established by the police authorities)

identified as an unaccompanied child at risk

Born on in.....,

(date, month, year, age)

(country)

citizen of, sex, in apparent good physical and medical condition.

On the grounds of.....

IS HANDED OVER BY:

.....

(full name and title of the employee)

TO:

.....

(full name and title of the employee)

With the following documents and personal belongings:

1.;

2.;

3.;

4.

HANDED OVER THE CHILD.....

.....

RECEIVED THE CHILD

.....

Note. This Protocol of Transfer and Acceptance is completed in two identical copies one for each of the pa

Annex 7

to Article 72 (5)

(New, SG No. 110/2013,

amended, SG No. 51/2017,

effective 27.06.2017)

DECLARATION

under Article 72(5) of the Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria

I, the undersigned _____

Standard Public Registry Number/Foreigner Personal Number/Personal
Number _____
holder of _____ No _____

(indicate the type and number of the identification document)

issued by _____ on _____

with permanent/present address _____

In my capacity as _____

(indicate one option: owner, user, tenant)

of the housing accommodation specified in Point 2, on the grounds of _____

(indicate specific grounds: Notarial Act No. ___/ Lease Contract No. ___or other)

HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

1. Pending the enforcement of the compulsory administrative measures imposed in accordance with the
the Republic of Bulgaria Act, I will provide housing accommodation and means of subsistence to t

born on: _____, citizen of _____

2. The housing accommodation which I provide is located at the following address:

I stand informed of the liability I incur for declaring untrue data under Article 313 of the Criminal Code.

Date: _____

City: _____

Declarant: _____

(or

Annex 7a
to Article 72 (5)
(New, SG No. 51/2017,
effective 27.06.2017)

DECLARATION

under Article 72(5) of the Regulations for Application of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria

I, the undersigned _____

Standard Public Registry Number/Foreigner Personal Number/Personal
Number _____

holder of _____ No _____

(indicate the type and number of the identification document)

issued by _____ on _____

with permanent/present address _____

in my capacity as owner according to Notarial Act No. _____

HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

I grant consent to the foreigner: _____,
born on: _____, citizen of: _____, reside in my
housing accommodation located at the following address: _____ until the
enforcement of the coercive administrative measures imposed according to the Foreigners in
the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

I stand informed of the liability I incur for declaring untrue data under Article 313 of the Criminal Code.

Date: _____

City: _____

Declarant: _____

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Annex 8
to Article 73 (2)
(Renumbered from Annex 7,
SG No. 110/2013)

Flight details

Flight No	From	Departure date	Time	To	Arrival date	Time
Is the third-country national accompanied by an escort?			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		Names and functions:	
Is the presence of a police escort at the airport recommended?			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
Is medical care required?			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		If so, specify:	
Contagious identifiable diseases? (*)			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		If so, specify:	
Previous unsuccessful attempts at removal?			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		If so, state reasons:	

Further comments

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NB: At the time the request was made, no grounds for refusal under Article 3(3) and (5) of Directive 2003/110/EC were known.

Decision of the requested unit

The transit is authorised.

The transit is not authorised.

Grounds: _____

(Name/Signature/Date)

