

LEGAL ALERT

TOURIST AND BUSINESS VISA EXEMPTIONS

Decree no. 10/2023 of 31 March has been published. This Decree, under the terms of article 18(2) of Law no. 23/2022 of 29 December (Legal Scheme for Foreign Citizens in Mozambique), approved entry visa exemptions for foreign citizens of certain countries wishing to visit Mozambique for tourism and/or business reasons.

The countries covered by this tourist and/or business visa exemption, according to article 1 of Decree no. 10/2023 of 31 March, are: Canada, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Israel, United States of America, Russia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Korea, Ivory Coast, Finland, Indonesia, Ireland, Singapore, Ghana, Senegal, Germany, France, Italy, China, Portugal and Ukraine.

Decree no. 10/2023 of 31 March presents the following changes/innovations to the legal system implemented by Law no. 23/2022 of 29 December:

- The reduction of the length of stay in the country for all citizens of the countries covered by the abovementioned decree; i.e. the 90 (ninety) non-extendable days granted by articles 22(1) and 25(2) of the Legal Scheme for Foreign Citizens in Mozambique, have been reduced to a stay of 30 days in the country, which can be extended once for an equal period;
- The request for the extension of the length of stay (referred to in the previous point) must be duly substantiated - either on the website or at the Migration Department of the area where the person is staying - and on payment of a fee of MZN 650 (or the equivalent in any currency in circulation in the country), in accordance with the provisions of article 2(2) together with that referred to in article 4(1), both of Decree no. 10/2023 of 31 March; and
- Citizens of the countries covered by the aforementioned exemption must register (demonstrate their willingness to enter Mozambican territory) on

the www.evisa.gov.mz website at least 48 hours before boarding and, as with the issue of extending the length of stay, pay a fee of MZN 650 (or the equivalent in any currency in circulation in the country), pursuant to article 4(1) of Decree no. 10/2023 of 31 March.

The www.evisa.gov.mz website is already operational. However, it should be noted that the referred Decree no. 10/2023 of 31 March will enter into force on 1 May 2023.

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