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Factsheet for case PT-2020-13/434

Regularisation of immigrants' presence on national territory

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Country	Portugal, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 28 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Measures to prevent social hardship – Protection of vulnerable groups (beyond employment support)
Case created	09 April 2020 (updated 07 May 2020)

Background information

Aiming at responding to the specific nature of the threat of infection by COVID-19, the management of the customer service and scheduling of appointments must be done in order to ensure unequivocally the rights of all foreign citizens with pending processes in the Foreigners and Borders Service (Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras - SEF).

The Order 3863-B/2020 of 27 March 2020 provides for that, on the date when the state of national emergency was declared, these foreign citizens are in situation of regular permanence on the national territory.

Content of measure

The Order 3863-B/2020 of 27 March 2020 provides for that from 18 March 2020, the date when the state of national emergency was declared, the foreign citizens with pending processes at the SEF are in situation of regular permanence in national territory.

These pending processes cover requests for entry and permanence in national territory; and requests for asylum, refugee or subsidiary protection.

The documents proving the request made or the scheduling at the SEF are to be considered valid by all public services, notably to obtain an user number, access to the National Health Service or other rights to health care, access to social benefits, conclusion of renting contracts, conclusion of employment contracts, opening of bank accounts and hiring of essential public services.

Use of measure

Not available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Migrants Refugees	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	Not applicable
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Not available

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 27 March 2020: Despacho n.º 3863-B/2020 - Diário da República n.º 62/2020, 3º Suplemento, Série II de 2020-03-27 □ Publicação: Diário da República n.º 62/2020, 3º Suplemento, Série II de 2020-03-27 (dre.pt)