

Procedure for temporary stay of foreigners on the territory of Ukraine approved

On 8 September 2015, the Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine No. 884 dated 20 July 2015 "On approval of the Procedure of calculation of term for temporary stay of foreigners in Ukraine who are the citizens of states with visa-free entry procedure" became effective.

Pursuant to this Procedure the citizens of states with visa-free entry procedure may temporary stay on the territory of Ukraine for not more than 90 days within 180 days, if otherwise is not specified by international treaties of Ukraine.

Upon entry of a foreigner to the territory of Ukraine calculation of the permitted term of stay is made by the officer of the State Border Service at the checkpoint (controlling point) by deducing 180 days from the actual date of entry. The decision on refusal to cross the border of Ukraine is made in the event if the foreigner exceeds the permitted term of stay.

During the foreigner's stay on the territory of Ukraine calculation of the permitted term of stay is made by the officers of the State Migration Service by deducing 180 days from the date of control. It is deemed that a foreigner is not in breach of the permitted term if within 180 days he / she stayed on the territory of Ukraine for not more than 90 days.

If the officer of the State Migration Service or the border officer detects that the foreigner exceeded the permitted term for stay on the territory of Ukraine, he / she shall file a report on administrative offence in relation to such person.

We note that the new entry rules are applicable to the citizens of EU-states, Andorra, Vatican, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Norway, Switzerland, Canada, USA, and Japan.