

## **ALGORITHM FOR INVITING FOREIGN CITIZENS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**Currently, under the quarantine regime in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter - RK), the following procedure applies for the entry of foreign citizens into the country:**

**1)** The inviting party in RK in cooperation with the foreign partners determines the number and list of attracted foreign specialists for the implementation of the project, as well as the approximate date of entry and place of application for a visa to foreign institutions of the RK.

**2)** Then, the inviting party needs to contact the local executive bodies of the RK (akimats) based on the place of registration of the legal entity with the procedural request of attracting foreigners to the Intersectoral Commission for consideration to prevent the occurrence and spread of coronavirus infection in the territory of the RK (*hereinafter - the IC*).

The letter must specify a detailed description of the project, as well as the number and list of attracted foreign citizens necessary for the implementation of the project.

*Information: for the period of quarantine restrictions, from May 11, 2020, the Procedure for crossing the State Border of the RK adopted at a meeting of the IC shall apply.*

*According to paragraph 26 of this Procedure, foreigners who are employees (specialists) of companies of social significance are allowed to enter the RK according to the list approved by the specially created IC chaired by the Deputy Prime-Minister of the RK for each individual case.*

**3)** Based on the results of considered application, the akimat makes a decision on proposals made to attract foreign persons at the meeting of the IC.

**4)** Upon arrival approval of foreign persons on the territory of the RK, fixed decisions by the IC minutes of meeting and instructions are given to authorized state bodies to assist at the entry of foreigners into the country.

**5)** Then, the inviting Kazakhstan company requests information about foreigners from the Chinese partner (scanned copies of the first page of the passport, etc.) and, according to the decision of IC minutes of meeting, submits the documents to the territorial unit of the Migration Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the RK to issue an invitation (*visa support*) to foreign specialists.

*Information: According to the legislation of the RK, some foreign specialists in order to attract labor need to apply for a permit in the local executive bodies of the RK (before applying for visa support).*

6) Then, after the invitation agreement and received the visa support number, the inviting company providing number and copy:

- to a foreign partner or foreign specialists to apply for a visa at one of the foreign institutions of the RK;

- to Akimat with request to inform the following authorized state bodies of the RK: Border Service of the National Security Committee of the RK, Ministry of Health of the RK, Department of Consular Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the RK.

7) Upon issued Kazakhstan visa, foreign citizens enter the RK in compliance with all sanitary, anti-epidemiological, and quarantine measures.