

【Implementation of Remedy Measure for those with H-2 Status in response to COVID-19 Pandemic】

Foreign national Koreans have faced growing difficulties in their departure from the ROK due to unexpected suspension of international flight operations amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In response, a temporary measure granting Permission for Stay will take effect as specified below to help ease difficulties for Work and Visit (H-2) status holders and their family members (F-1 status) concerning their departure from the nation due to expiration of stay, as well as to reduce the overall burden on public health authorities.

□ Overview of the Measure

Under this measure, spouse and children of H-2 visa holders are permitted to stay further in the ROK until a H-2 visa holder in the family returns to Korea with a new (H-2) visa after departure from the ROK due to his/her visa reaching expiry date.

□ Eligibility of the Measure

- ① Spouse and under-age children of a Work and Visit (H-2) Status holder who are legally staying in the country on Family Visitor (F-1) status
- ② Spouse and under-age children of a Work and Visit (H-2) Status holder who are legally staying in the country with Permission for Extension of Stay for Departure or Postponement of Departure on COVID-19 outbreak after the expiration of their permitted stay on Family Visitor (F-1) status

□ Details of the Measure

- As for Eligibility case ① in the above (Extension of Stay)

- Period of Stay is extended for up to 90 days (airline tickets, etc. to be checked) from a H-2 visa holder's expiration date of stay, and Extension of Stay is permitted when a H-2 visa holder files for residence card after entry into the country within the period

- Extension of Stay is not permitted further and will be required to leave the country if a relevant H-2 visa holder fails to enter the country with a new visa within 90 days (Yet, extension of stay can be granted in case of a H-2 visa holder from countries subject to the strengthened quarantine measures until a relevant country's removal from the list or until the grant of a long-term visa)

○ **As for Eligibility case ② in the above (Extension of Stay)**

- Extension of Stay for Departure or Postponement of Departure will be granted throughout the period while a relevant H-2 visa holder is staying abroad. Family Visitor (F-1) status is to be granted when a relevant H-2 visa holder enters the ROK after obtaining a new visa.

Enforcement Date : Effective From November 16 (Mon.), 2020 until further notice

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