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*To our clients and friends*

**INFORMATION LETTER**  
**regarding amendments to the migration legislation**  
**of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

Amendments<sup>1</sup> to the Rules for the Immigrants' Stay in the Territory of Kazakhstan were adopted and put into effect on 11 June 2014.

According to the amendments, a visa-free regime is established for the citizens of the USA, Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, UAE, Korea and Japan, if the period of their stay in Kazakhstan does not exceed 15 calendar days of the moment of crossing the state border.

If the citizens of the above countries need to prolong the period of their stay in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan by more than 15 calendar days, they may be issued a visa of "investor" or "business" category. In this case, visas may be issued directly in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan by the relevant authorized agencies, specifically:

- internal affairs authorities issue "business" visas (single-entry visas for a term up to 30 calendar days);
- the Ministry of Internal Affairs issues "investor" visas (single-entry visas for a term up to 90 calendar days and multiple-entry visas for a term up to 3 years issued based on an application from the authorized investment agency confirming the foreign citizen's investor status).

The above amendments to the migration legislation are a pilot project intended to improve the investment climate in Kazakhstan and will remain in effect for one year – from 15 July 2014 to 15 July 2015; but, if the result proves to be positive, the effective period of the granted preferences may be extended further.

We hope that the above information will be of use to you. Should you have any further questions in connection with this Information Letter, we would be happy to provide you with more detailed information.

Best regards,

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<sup>1</sup> Decree No. 639 of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Introduction of Amendment into the Decree No. 148 of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 21 January 2012 "On Approval of the Rules for Immigrants Entry and Stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Their Exit from the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Rules for Migration Control and Recording of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons Illegally Crossing the State Border of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Illegally Staying in the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Persons Prohibited to Enter the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan" dated 11 June 2014.

