

Abolition of the Federal Migration Service

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Dear All,

We would like to inform you that the President of the Russian Federation ordered to abolish the Federal Migration Service (hereinafter the “**FMS**”). Decision is formalized by the Executive Order “On Improving State Administration in Exercising Control over the Circulation of Narcotic Substances, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors, and in the Sphere of Migration” No. 156 dated April 5, 2016 (hereinafter the “**Executive Order**”).

The Executive Order prescribes to transfer functions of the FMS to the Russian Federation Interior Ministry, which will be followed by personnel reduction in the FMS.

We expect that the transfer of functions and the reduction of personnel of the FMS may result in delays in migration procedures and technical difficulties in processing the documents being submitted, as well as in issuance of permits and delivery of other services. Restructuring of the FMS is expected to finish before June 1, 2016.

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We hope you will find this information helpful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Irina Anyukhina** (ianyukhina@alrud.com), Partner of ALRUD Labor and Employment practice.

Yours faithfully,

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