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Government Notifications

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THE IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS ACT, (CHAPTER 351)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Internal Administration under Section 52 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) and approved by Parliament.

Minister of Internal Administration.

Colombo,
16th March, 2007.

Regulation

The Immigrants and Emigrants Regulations, 1956, published in Gazette No. 10896 of February 24, 1956 as amended from time to time, are hereby further amended as follows :-

(1) by the insertion, immediately after regulation 13 of the above regulations of the following new regulation :-

“13A (1) All persons who are not citizens of Sri Lanka who intend to travel to Sri Lanka shall in addition to the visa fee payable in terms of regulation 13, pay to the airline company at the time of purchasing the air ticket an additional visa fee of ten (10) United states Dollars or its equivalent in any other foreign currency. It shall be the duty of the airline company to credit all monies collected by way of such additional visa fee to the Controller of Immigration and Emigration.

(2) A sum equivalent to two point five (2.5) *percentum* of the monies credited to the Controller of Immigration and Emigration as visa fees under paragraph (1) shall be utilized to make incentive payments to all officers and staff members of the Department of Immigration and Emigration who are carrying out duties connected with the issue of visas and officers and staff carrying out duties in any other section of the Department which is connected to the issue and monitoring of Visas.

(3) Where a visa has been issued to a person who is not a citizen of Sri Lanka, and such persons stay in Sri Lanka exceeds the period permitted by the visa, such person shall be required to pay a penalty in respect of the period for which he has overstayed in Sri Lanka, at such rates as are specified below :-

- (i) where the period of the overstay has exceeded seven days (07) and has continued upto thirty (30) days calculated from the date of expiry of the period of validity of the original visa, the rupee equivalent of twenty five (25) United States Dollars will be charged as a penalty ;
- (ii) Where the period of the overstay has exceeded thirty (30) days and has continued up to ninety (90) days calculated from the date of expiry of the period of validity of the original visa, the rupee equivalent of fifty (50) United State Dollars will be charged as a penalty ;
- (iii) Where the period of the overstay has exceeded ninety (90) days calculated from the date of expiry of the period of validity of the original visa, the rupee equivalent of one hundred (100) United State Dollars will be charged as a penalty ;

Provided that,

- (a) in the case of persons falling within the provision of sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above require the person who has overstayed to forthwith pay the fine and thereafter proceed to include the details of such person in an observation document in such manner as specified by the Controller of Immigration and Emigration, to be checked in the event of such person entering Sri Lanka on a future occasion ; and
 - (b) in the case of persons who fail to pay the penalty as stipulated above, immediately forward the details of such person to be included in a document in such manner as specified by the Controller of Immigration and Emigration. This document will act as a guide, in preventing if it so becomes necessary, persons whose names are specified therein, from entering Sri Lanka on any future occasion.” ;
- (2) The provisions of paragraph (3) of this regulation shall be effective from March 01, 2007 and the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this regulation shall be effective from July 01, 2007.