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On 29 September 2020, the Minister of Law and Human Rights (“**MOLHR**”) issued Minister of Law and Human Rights’ Regulation Number 26 of 2020 on Visas and Stay Permits During the Adaptation to the New Normal Period (“**MOLHR Reg. No. 26/2020**”) which relaxes the previous restrictions and limitations for foreigners entering Indonesia under Minister of Law and Human Rights’ Regulation Number 11 of 2020 on The Temporary Ban on Foreigners Entering Indonesia (“**MOLHR Reg. No. 11/2020**”).

MOLHR Reg. No. 26/2020 came into force on 1 October 2020 and replaced MOLHR Reg. No. 11/2020. Compared to MOLHR Reg. No. 11/2020, the following are the notable changes under MOLHR Reg. No. 26/2020.

Eligibility to Enter Indonesia

Subject to the satisfactory compliance with the applicable health protocols for the mitigation of COVID-19, foreigners who hold the following valid Visa and/or Stay Permit may enter Indonesia through certain immigration points:

1. a Service Visa;
2. a Diplomatic Visa;
3. a Visit Visa; only a single trip visit visa, and only for the following purposes:

- a. emergency and urgent work;
- b. business discussions;
- c. purchasing goods;
- d. fit and proper tests for prospective foreign manpower;
- e. support staff members in medical and food related fields; and
- f. joining transportation vehicles in Indonesia;

1. Limited stay visas, can be issued for:

a. work-related matters, including among others:

- working as experts;
- checking products and production quality;
- inspecting or auditing branch offices in Indonesia;
- providing aftersales services; and
- installing and repairing machinery;

and/or

b. non work-related matters, including among others:

- investment;
- family unifications;

- 2. Service Stay Permits;
- 3. Diplomatic Stay Permits;
- 4. Limited Stay Permits; and
- 5. Permanent Stay Permits.

In addition to the above, foreigners who satisfy the following requirements may also enter Indonesia:

- 1. crews of transportation vehicles which enter Indonesia;
- 2. holders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards (KPP APEC);
- 3. Traditional Cross-Border Travellers.

Those in charge of the above transportation vehicles must have made sure that their passengers hold proof of a valid negative PCR test result.

Under MOLHR Reg. No. 26/2020, the issuance of free visit visas (except for crews of transportation vehicles) and visit visas on arrival, has been suspended.

Documents Required for Visitor Visas and Limited Stay Visas

The required documents foreigners' sponsors must submit electronically are the following:

1. a health certificate (in English) stating that the foreign citizen is free of COVID-19, issued by the health authority in the country of origin;
2. a written statement (in English) to the effect that the foreigner is willing to be placed in quarantine and/or to receive treatment at the foreigner's expense if the result of a PCR test undertaken by the Indonesian medical authority is positive or if there is any medical indication of COVID-19;
3. a written statement of willingness to undergo health monitoring during self-quarantine or self-isolation according to the applicable health protocols and the relevant laws and regulations;
4. evidence that the foreigner has sufficient travel/health insurance to cover healthcare expenses and/or a written statement to the effect that the foreigner is willing to cover any such healthcare expenses if the foreigner is exposed to COVID-19 during his/her stay in Indonesia; and
5. for applicants for a Visit Visa (except those who are support staff members in medical and food related fields), they must also provide proof that the foreigner has at least USD 10,000 or its equivalent issued by a financial institution or bank in Indonesia.

Stay Permit Extensions

Holders of the following visitor stay permits, who are currently in Indonesia using Emergency Stay Permits, may now extend their stay permits for 30 days:

1. Visit Visas on Arrival;
2. Visit Visas for a Single Trip;
3. Visit Visas for Multiple Trips; and
4. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards

In addition, (i) Visit Visas on Arrival and (ii) Visit Visas for a Single Trip may now be converted into Limited Stay Permits.

Meanwhile, foreigners holding a Limited Stay Permit or Permanent Stay Permit who are currently in Indonesia using Emergency Stay Permits, may now extend their Stay Permits. However, if the Limited Stay Permit or Permanent Stay Permit cannot be extended in accordance with the prevailing regulations, they can obtain new Stay Permits after obtaining visa approval.

New Stay Permits

Approval for a Visit Visa is regarded as a Visit Stay Visa, while holders of approval for a Limited Stay Visa will be issued a Limited Stay Visa after reporting to the Immigration offices where they are domiciled.

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