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# Argentina - COVID-19: Another Extension for Residency Deadlines

Due to the ongoing coronavirus health emergency, the Argentine National Immigration Office (*Dirección Nacional de Migraciones*) announced on 17 June, Provision N° 2434/2020¹ ("new Provision") yet again extending for 30 days certain deadlines previously announced in Provision N° 1714/2020,² that have to do with the automatic extension of transitory and temporary residencies in Argentina. There were also deadlines set for companies with respect to renewals of their registration with the National Immigration Office. (For prior coverage, see GMS *Flash Alert* 2020-234, 15 May 2020.)

# WHY THIS MATTERS

The new Provision provides further support for foreign individuals who, due to the COVID-19 crisis, need to extend their transitory or temporary residency. This should bring significant relief for individuals whose residence status in Argentina, will soon expire and who cannot personally go to the National Immigration Office, which remains closed until 26 June.

This will have considerable impact on how foreign individuals manage their personal situations concerning their right to stay in Argentina and the significantly different procedures around proper documentation.

These changes may also encourage employers to re-consider their personnel and work arrangements due to the new situation.

# Context

The rapid worldwide spread of the coronavirus has underpinned the National Immigration Office's decisions, as it adjusts its policies and processes in light of the health emergency to help bring some certainty to individuals who need to extend their stay in Argentina.

# **New Provision**

Provision N° 2434/2020 (extending of the measures in Provision 1714/2020) contains the following measures:

- 1. Extending the validity of the individual's residence status granted under Article 23 (temporary residence) and Article 24 (transitory residence) of Law 25.871 for thirty (30) days (until 17 July 2020);
- 2. Extending the validity of the "Residence Precaria" (*Certificado de Residencia Precaria* a three month interim residence certificate while the application for temporary or permanent residence is being processed) granted according to the framework of Article 20 (until 17 July 2020);
- 3. Extending the validity of the registration of the local company at the National Immigration Office for thirty (30) days as of the expiry date (until 17 July 2020);
- 4. Suspending the deadlines for compliance with any notice or summons emanating from ongoing proceedings for thirty (30) days (until 17 July 2020).

# **KPMG NOTE**

The National Immigration Office closure period might be extended if Argentina's government decides to move forward with another extension of the existing mandatory quarantine after it ends on 26 June.

Any individuals impacted by the new rules may wish to consult with their global mobility advisers and immigration legal counsel as soon as possible for advice on next steps.

The KPMG International member firm in Argentina is tracking these matters closely. We will endeavor to keep readers of GMS *Flash Alert* posted on any important developments as and when they occur.

# **FOOTNOTES:**

- 1 For *Provision N° 2434/2020 (Disposición 2434/2020)* published in the *Boletín Oficial* (in Spanish) see: <a href="https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/230814/20200617">https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/230814/20200617</a>.
- 2 For *Provision N° 1714/2020 (Disposición 1714/2020)* published in *Boletín Oficial* (in Spanish) see: <a href="http://s3.arsat.com.ar/cdn-bo-001/Suple-18-03-2020.pdf">http://s3.arsat.com.ar/cdn-bo-001/Suple-18-03-2020.pdf</a>.

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