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Argentina - COVID-19: Deadlines for Residency Extended to 18 October

The Argentine National Immigration Office (*Dirección Nacional de Migraciones*) announced 17 September that it was extending for another 30 days certain deadlines previously announced in Provision N° 2916/2020 and 1714/2020 involving the automatic extension of transitory and temporary residencies in Argentina. This new Provision N° 3126/2020 extends the expiry dates to 18 October.

There were also deadlines set for companies renewing their registration with the National Immigration Office. (For prior coverage, see GMS *Flash Alert* 2020-364, 21 August 2020).

WHY THIS MATTERS

The new provision will help foreign individuals who, due to COVID-19, have been unable to extend their transitory or temporary residency personally, as the National Immigration Office has remained closed since 20 March 2020.

This will bring relief and certainty for foreign individuals in managing their personal situations during their stay in Argentina.

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 public health emergency to help bring some certainty to individuals who have needed to extend their stay in Argentina.

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New Provision

Provision 3126/2020 (extending of the measures in Provision 2916/2020) contains the following measures:

- 1 Extending the validity of an individual's residence status granted under Article 23 (temporary residence) and Article 24 (transitory residences) of Law 25.871 for thirty (30) days (until 18 October 2020);
- 2 Extending the validity of the "Residence Precaria" (*Certificado de Residencia Precaria* a three-month interim residence certificate while application for temporary or permanent residence is being processed) granted in the framework of Article 20 (residence applications) (until 18 October 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 18 October 2020);
- 4 Suspending the deadlines for compliance with any notice or summons emanating from ongoing proceedings for thirty (30) days (until 18 October 2020).

KPMG NOTE

The National Immigration Office closure will continue until Argentina's government determines that is safe to re-open.

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 development as and when they occur.

FOOTNOTE:

1 For Provision N° 3126/2020($Disposici\'{o}n$ 3126/2020) published in the $Bolet\'{i}n$ Oficial (in Spanish) see: <u>https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/235113/20200918</u> .

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