



LEGISLATIVE MONITORING IN THE AREA OF MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT for December 2017

Legislative act or draft	Status (date of approval/further consideration)	Short overview
Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending Article 283 of the Family Code of Ukraine” (No. 7424 of 20 December 2017, A. Nemyrovskyy, V. Melnychenko, R. Matsola and others)	Provided for familiarization on 22 December 2017	The proposed law seeks to ensure a more transparent procedure of consent granted by the central executive body implementing the public policy in the area of adoption and protection of children’s rights through collegial consideration and decision-making, and to ensure the best interests of the child in the procedure of adoption by Ukrainian nationals residing abroad and foreigners. The draft law proposes to establish a standing inter-agency commission on international adoption at the Ministry of Social Policy to be responsible for the issue of granting consent to the adoption of a child by foreigners.
Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending some legislative acts of Ukraine (on creating conducive environment for the return of labour migrants’ monetary assets)” (No. 7458 of 27 December 2017, M. Holovko)	Provided for familiarization on 29 December 2017	The draft law proposes amendments and supplements to the Laws of Ukraine “On Investment Activity” and “On External Labour Migration” intended to create conducive environment for the return of labour migrants’ monetary assets to Ukraine. Implementation of the proposed legislative provisions shall stimulate business activity of Ukrainian nationals who are labour migrants and encourage them to invest their earnings into Ukraine’s economy.
Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Customs Code of Ukraine (on lifting restrictions imposed on bringing cash to Ukraine)” (No. 7460 of 27 December 2017, M. Holovko)	Provided for familiarization on 29 December 2017	The draft law proposes amendments and supplements to the Customs Code of Ukraine concerning the lifting of restrictions imposed on bringing cash to Ukraine received as income by Ukrainian nationals who are labour migrants, which should stimulate their business activity and encourage them to invest their financial resources into Ukraine’s economy.
Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending some laws of Ukraine concerning simplification of civil registration for Ukrainian citizens who have been forced to stay on the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine or the territory on which authorities temporarily do not exercise their powers” (No. 7463 of 28 December 2017, N. Veselova)	Sent to the Committee for review on 29 December 2017	As stated in the explanatory note, the primary purpose of the proposed law is to provide a comprehensive solution to the problem related to an excessively complicated judicial procedure stipulated for registration of birth and death that took place on the temporarily occupied or uncontrolled territory and to define the administrative procedure by which persons who reside on the temporarily occupied or

		<p>uncontrolled territory can exercise this right.</p> <p>Passing of this law shall facilitate obtaining of Ukrainian documents by citizens who reside on the temporarily occupied or uncontrolled territory, enable Ukrainian authorities to collect statistical data on the number of Ukrainian citizens who reside on the temporarily occupied or uncontrolled territory, reduce the incidence of fraudulent schemes by which passports of deceased citizens are used illegally, due to absence of death registration with Ukrainian authorities.</p>
<p><u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On approval of the decision of the President of Ukraine on granting in 2018 access to the territory of Ukraine for military units of other states for the purpose of multinational military drills” (No.7428 of 21 December 2017, President of Ukraine)</u></p>	<p>Provided for familiarization on 22 December 2017</p>	<p>The proposed law has been drafted by the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine to regulate the issue of admission of military units of other states to the territory of Ukraine in 2018 for the purpose of participation in multinational military drills, including the overall numbers, types and quantity of weapons and military equipment, period of stay and location for the duration of drills.</p>
<p><u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Law of Ukraine “On the social housing properties” concerning the protection of housing rights of internally displaced persons” (No.7304-1 of 1 December 2017, N. Korolevska, Y. Solod)</u></p>	<p>Provided for familiarization on 5 December 2017</p>	<p>The proposed draft law is intended to address housing problems of internally displaced persons by granting them the right to be registered for social housing if they do not have accommodation to reside on the territory controlled by Ukrainian government or their homes got destroyed or otherwise made unliveable as a result of the Anti-Terrorist Operation, on the basis of certificate about registration as internally displaced persons.</p>
<p><u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Law of Ukraine “On Education” (concerning incorporation of the conclusions rendered by the Venice Commission on provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On Education” regulating the use of the official language of the State and national minorities’ languages in education) (No. 7402 of 14 December 2017, O. Vilkul)</u></p>	<p>Provided for familiarization on 18 December 2017</p>	<p>The purpose of the proposed law is to incorporate the conclusions rendered by the Venice Commission on provisions of the Law of Ukraine “On Education” regulating the use of the official language of the State and national minorities’ languages in education, with regard to Recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on ensuring the right of indigenous peoples and national minorities in Ukraine to receive instruction in their native languages and the Report of the UN Monitoring Mission on the Human Rights Situation in Ukraine of 16 August to 15 November 2017 (items 155-160 concerning the Law of Ukraine “On Education”).</p> <p>The draft law proposes amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On Education” to guarantee for persons belonging to national minorities of Ukraine the right to attain not only pre-school but also general secondary education in the language of respective national minority, alongside the official language of the State. Private education institutions shall have the right to use any language as language of instruction, without any restrictions. In additions, it is proposed to extend the transition period for persons belonging to indigenous peoples and national minorities of Ukraine who have entered general secondary</p>

		<p>education before 1 September 2018 until they finish their schooling. They will continue to engage in education according to the rules that had been in effect before the new Law “On Education” came into force.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 1 December 2017 No. 906 “On amending Annexes 1 and 2 to Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 31 May 2017 No. 411”</p>	<p>Entered into force on 7 December 2017</p>	<p>Government approved the adjusted key projections for macro-indicators of economic and social development of Ukraine for 2018-2020 to be used, <i>inter alia</i>, for the review of policy documents. The adjustments have been made on the basis of updates on the current economic situation and clarification of a series of assumptions considering the impact of external and internal factors. The wage budget for the hired workforce and allowances for military personnel as well as the level of nominal annual monthly wage were adjusted towards higher rates. There has also been an increase in the forecasted total value of imports. At the same time, the actual GDP growth and some labour market indicators have remained unchanged. Generally, the current trends are correspondent to the trends considered in the projections. Thus, according the Scenario 1 assumed in drafting of the state budget for 2018, it is projected that the tendency of GDP growth will be retained in 2018 by 3%, in 2019 – by 3.6%, and in 2020 – by 4%. The unemployment rate by ILO methodology will decrease from 9.1% in 2018 to 8.9% in 2019, reaching 8.5% in 2020.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 22 November 2017 No. 889 “On amending the Procedure for implementation on the territory of Ukraine of the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction”</p>	<p>Entered into force on 29 November 2017</p>	<p>The Resolution improves the mechanisms by which Ukraine implements commitments defined by the Convention with a view to enhancing effectiveness of collaboration amongst competent authorities in the course of its implementation. It clarifies and details the functions of the Ministry of Justice and other authorities related to the review of applications about return of a child from a foreign state to Ukraine on the basis of the Convention. This should provide for transparency, coherence and clear regulation of all actions taken by involved public authorities, and ensure delivery of necessary assistance to citizens.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 1 December 2017 No. 898 “On approval of the Memorandum of understanding between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on mutual abolishment of visa requirements”</p>	<p>Entered into force on 2 December 2017</p>	<p>This Memorandum of understanding is another step towards visa liberalization for Ukrainian nationals who wish to travel abroad. The Memorandum stipulates that nationals of both countries who hold valid biometric travel documents shall enjoy visa-free regime while entering, exiting, transiting and staying on the territory of the state of other Signatory Party. It also stipulates that members of diplomatic missions and consular posts, their spouses and children who hold valid diplomatic, service and/or special passports shall also be exempt from visa requirements for the purpose of entering, exiting, transiting through and staying on the territory of the state of other Signatory Party for the duration of their</p>

		assignment. Introduction of the visa-free regime will promote foreign investment, development of tourism, trade, economic and humanitarian cooperation. The date on which provisions of the Memorandum will become effective shall be announced separately.
<u>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No.920 “On approval of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Swiss Federal Council on facilitation of visa issuance”</u>	Entered into force on 12 December 2017	The document extends the range of categories of Ukrainian nationals entitled to visa facilitation, shortens the period of consideration of visa applications, extends validity period for multi-entry visas and facilitates visa issuance procedures. It also stipulates exemption from visa fees for some categories of Ukrainian nationals. The Agreement has been concluded for the purpose of adaptation of visa and migration policy of Ukraine to the standards of the European Union after negotiations between Ukraine and the Swiss Confederation.
<u>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No.935 “On amending the Procedure regulating implementation of activities aimed to facilitate employment, return of funds allocated to finance such activities in cases of breach of employment guarantees for internally displaced persons”</u>	Entered into force on 22 December 2017	Government adopted amendments to the Procedure regulating implementation of activities aimed to facilitate employment, return of funds allocated to finance such activities in cases of breach of employment guarantees for internally displaced persons. In particular, the amendments clarify grounds on which financing of such activities can be terminated, and specific aspects of provision of compensation to internally displaced persons.
<u>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2017 No.1058 “On amending the Procedure for Ukrainian diplomatic missions abroad to receive and utilize state budget funds to take actions to protect rights and interests of Ukrainian citizens abroad”</u>		The Resolution regulates the procedure of engaging professional legal aid in the interests of Ukrainian citizens accused of committing grievous or extremely grievous crime punishable by life imprisonment or capital punishment according to legislation of respective states. It also modifies forms of legal remedy for Ukrainian citizens, improves the mechanism of their financing and eliminates ambiguity in approaches used to determine grounds on which Ukrainian national who were affected abroad can be granted financial assistance. The decision shall also promote a more active and speedy resolution of the issues related to the protection of rights and interests of Ukrainian nationals who are illegally detained or kept on the territory of the aggressor state or subject to politically-motivated criminal prosecution.
<u>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 December 2017 No.1044 “On amending the Procedure for granting monthly targeted assistance to internally displaced persons to cover accommodation costs, including utilities”</u>		The Resolution improves the procedure by which targeted assistance is granted. It establishes a standard form for the report to be drawn up after the engineering survey of a house or apartment that were destroyed or made unliveable as a result of the Anti-Terrorist Operation. It also defines authorities that establish commissions to perform such engineering surveys.

<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 December 2017 No. 1028 “On amending Annex 1 to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 5 April 2014 No. 85”</p>	<p>Entered into force on 1 January 2018</p>	<p>Government adopted the decision to increase the upper limit of headcount in territorial bodies of the State Migration Service from 5,054 to 6,254. This will enable the SMS to efficiently perform its functions, including proper organization of processing and issuance of passports of Ukrainian citizen for traveling abroad.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 December 2017 No. 1032 “On amending the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24 October 2012 No. 967”</p>		<p>In view of the importance of social protection and support to youth in Ukraine, and due to the fact that the period of the State Programme for the provision of housing to young people expires in 2017, Government adopted the decision to extend the period of this Programme up to 2020.</p> <p>This decision is intended to promote housing opportunities for young people and is expected to have positive impact on the addressing of acute demographic challenges observed in Ukraine.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 December 2017 No. 1048 “On amending the Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 4 March 2013 No. 130 and of 24 June 2016 No. 401”</p>		<p>The Resolution regulates engagement of interpreters in the process of provision of free secondary legal aid to individuals who do not speak the official language of the State.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2017 No. 1067 “On amending the Procedure by which the money received as fees for consular services delivered outside Ukraine are included in the state budget”</p>		<p>The Resolution modifies the procedure by which the money received as fees for consular services delivered outside Ukraine are included in the state budget. It stipulates that Ukrainian diplomatic missions and consular posts abroad in 19 countries of the Eurozone shall apply the exchange rate of the European Central Bank for calculating in euros the amounts of equivalent in US dollars for consular fees paid into separate bank accounts or as cash at the counter.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No. 1004 “On amending the Procedure for confirmation of birth that took place outside a healthcare facility”</p>		<p>The adopted amendments are expected to ensure a comprehensive and sound approach aimed to respect the rights of the children born on the territories where state authorities temporarily do not exercise their powers, by introducing an extrajudicial procedure for registration of birth of a child on such territory.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No. 1013 “On amending the Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2001 No. 1764 and of 23 April 2014 No. 117”</p>		<p>The Resolution regulates issues related to determination of pre-payment amounts for works on building engineering infrastructure of the Ukrainian-Russian and Ukrainian-Moldovan state border, territories adjacent to the areas of the Anti-Terrorist Operation and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, and periods for which such pre-payment is provided.</p> <p>Respective amendments are introduced to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with regard to the procedure of financing of capital construction, and making of pre-payment for goods, works and services procured with the budget funds.</p>

		<p>The adopted decision will enable the border guard authority to implement activities related to the construction of engineering infrastructure, fortification installations, fencing, border signs, border strips and other structures of border management infrastructure with adequate quality and within tight timelines.</p>
<p><u>Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2017 No.1073 “On approval of the Regulation on the national system of biometric verification and identification of Ukrainian citizens, foreigners and stateless persons”</u></p>		<p>The adopted Regulation will facilitate the establishment, implementation and operation of the national system of individuals’ biometric data (parameters) capturing, data entry and storage in agency-level IT systems of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Migration Service, State Border Guard Service, National Police, Security Service, Foreign Intelligence Service, and Ministry of Defence, as well as capturing of biometric data of foreigners and stateless persons during the border control at border-crossing points through the Ukrainian state border and at check-points. The State Migration Service shall be in charge of operations of this national system that will be launched on 1 January 2018.</p> <p>The Regulation defines that the national system of biometric verification and identification of Ukrainian citizens, foreigners and stateless persons is an automated system established in the interests of national security, economic well-being and human rights respect, to facilitate identification of foreigners and stateless persons who enter or exit Ukraine, and control over their compliance with the rules regulating stay on the territory of Ukraine.</p>
<p><u>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No.859-r “On re-distribution of some budget expenditures allocated to the Ministry of Social Policy in 2017”</u></p>	<p>Entered into force on 6 December 2017</p>	<p>Government re-distributed some allocations from the general fund of the state budget stipulated for the Ministry of Social Policy in 2017 to increase expenditure under individual budget programmes aimed to improve protection of vulnerable population groups. At the same time, the re-distribution involved reduction of some consumption expenditures, particularly, reduction within the programme “Granting of monthly targeted assistance to internally displaced persons to cover accommodation costs, including utilities” constituted UAH 117,160.6 thousand.</p>
<p><u>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No.881-r “On amending item 23 of the tentative plan of legislative drafting for 2017”</u></p>	<p>Entered into force on 6 December 2017</p>	<p>The adopted amendment concerns delivering of the activity by a lead implementer whose competency includes development and submission to the Government of the draft Law of Ukraine “On ratification of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the employment of family members of staff of diplomatic missions and consular posts”. Thus, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is designated as lead implementer.</p>

<p><u>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2017 No.985-r “On amending the financial plan of the state enterprise “Ukrayina Printing Plant” on securities production” for 2017”</u></p>		<p>The decision is related to the 35% reduction of the regulated payment to the state budget from the share of net profit of the enterprise, to channel these financial resources on modernization and procurement of equipment, in particular equipment for personalization of passports of Ukrainian citizens for traveling abroad and passports in the form of plastic cards with the embedded contactless electronic chip.</p>
<p><u>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 December 2017 No.963-r “On signing the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on mutual abolishment of visa requirements”</u></p>		<p>The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the draft version of the Agreement and authorized the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States of America Valeriy Chalyy, combining the duties of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Antigua and Barbuda, to sign the Agreement.</p> <p>This Agreement stipulates that Ukrainian nationals and nationals of Antigua and Barbuda holding valid travel documents can enter, exit, transit through and stay on the territories of Antigua and Barbuda and Ukraine respectively without visa for up to 90 days during a 180-day period.</p>
<p><u>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 October 2017 No.777-r “On approval of the draft Memorandum of understanding between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on mutual abolishment of visa requirements”</u></p>	<p>Entered into force on 27 October 2017</p>	<p>The draft Memorandum of understanding stipulates that nationals of both countries who hold valid biometric travel documents shall enjoy visa-free regime while entering, exiting, transiting and staying on the territory of the state of other Signatory Party. It also stipulates that members of diplomatic missions and consular posts, their spouses and children who hold valid diplomatic, service and/or special passports shall also be exempt from visa requirements for the purpose of entering, exiting, transiting through and staying on the territory of the state of other Signatory Party for the duration of their assignment. Introduction of the visa-free regime is expected to promote tourism, trade, economic and humanitarian cooperation, and attraction of foreign investment to the economy of Ukraine.</p>
<p><u>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 15 November 2017 No.909-r “On approval of the Strategy for the integration of internally displaced persons and implementation of long-term solutions concerning internal displacement for the period up to 2020”</u></p>	<p>Entered into force on 15 November 2017</p>	<p>The Strategy outlines the Government’s efforts to address the challenges of internal displacement of Ukrainian citizens and related consequences, including the ones faced by host communities, create effective tools of public administration and meet the immediate and permanent needs of internally displaced persons.</p> <p>Whilst the previous government strategies focused on meeting the first-priority needs of internally displaced persons, the purpose of this Strategy is to define long-term solutions to address the challenges of internal displacement. It strives to achieve the situation when individuals currently identified as IDPs will no longer require special assistance and protection related to their displacement, and will be</p>

		able to realize their rights without limitations, like any other citizens.
Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 13 December 2017 No.906-r “On re-distribution of some budget expenditures allocated to the Ministry of Internal Affairs in 2017”	Entered into force on 13 December 2017	Due to fluctuations of the currency exchange rate, the amount of expenditure approved for 2017 was not sufficient to pay in full the contribution to the Administrative part of the Budget of the International Organization for Migration, and the outstanding amount constituted 6.8 thousand Swiss francs. The decision on re-distribution will enable to pay this share of the contribution in a timely manner, and thus meet the contractual obligations within the activity of international organizations Ukraine is member of.
Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 1 December 2017 No.849-r “On approval of the draft Agreement (in the form of exchange of notes) between the Government of Ukraine, the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Commission on the extension of the mandate of the EU Border Assistance Mission to Ukraine and Moldova”	Entered into force on 1 December 2017	The EU Border Assistance Mission to Ukraine and Moldova (EUBAM) shall continue to provide expert assistance to Ukraine in the issues related to the reform of customs and border guard services in Ukraine. The Regulation lays the ground for conclusion of the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine, the Government of Moldova and the European Commission on the extension of the mandate of the EU Border Assistance Mission up to 30 November 2020.
Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 6 December 2017 No.870-r “On signing the Agreement on funding the action “EU Support to Eastern Ukraine”	Entered into force on 6 December 2017	Government approved the draft Agreement on funding the action “EU Support to Eastern Ukraine” for the total amount of EUR 50 million. The assistance will be channelled to promote peace, economic recovery and peacebuilding in Eastern Ukraine, specifically to improve governance, local development, and service delivery; stimulate employment and economic growth through support to the development of micro, small and medium enterprises; strengthen social cohesion and peacebuilding through promotion of public initiatives; support sectoral reforms and structural transformations in healthcare, education and critical infrastructure.
Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 13 December 2017 No.897-r “On appointment of Chief Border Guard Commissioner of Ukraine”	Entered into force on 13 December 2017	Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine Petro Tsyhykal is appointed as Chief Border Guard Commissioner of Ukraine. The appointment should facilitate effective cooperation between border guard authorities of Ukraine and the neighbouring states.
Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27 December 2017 No.1003-r “On dismissal of A.Y.Deieva from the position of Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine responsible for European Integration”	Entered into force on 27 December 2017	A.Y.Deieva has been dismissed from the position of Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine responsible for European Integration on her own request.
Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 December 2017 No.930-r “On re-distribution of some budget expenditures allocated to the Ministry of Internal Affairs in 2017”		The decision on re-distribution shall enable to conclude contracts to procure blank Ukrainian passports with embedded contactless electronic chip and their personalization by using allocations from

		<p>the general fund. This will help ensure timely provision of such passports to the population.</p> <p>This decision was adopted to respond to the increase in the number of persons to whom Ukrainian passports were issued for the first time in 2017 comparing with previous years, and further growing of the demand. It is due to the fact that today each Ukrainian citizen who has reached 14 years of age is obliged to obtain a passport. Because of this change in regulation, Ukrainian passports are issued for the first time to individuals who have reached 14, 15 and 16 years of age, while before 1 November 2016 Ukrainian passports were issued from the age of 16.</p>
<p>Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 13 December 2017 No. 907-r “On proposals to impose special restriction measures on designated individuals in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution No. 2206 (2015) as regards the Republic of South Sudan”</p>	<p>Entered into force on 13 December 2017</p>	<p>The Regulation is adopted to introduce a ban on entry to Ukraine and transit through its territory for high-level officials of the Republic of South Sudan designated by the UN Security Council Committee. Government’s proposals to impose special restrictions on designated individuals are subject to approval of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine and the President of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine “On approval of some legal acts related to the admission to higher education institutions” of 13 October 2017 No. 1378, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 14 November 2017 No. 1397/31265</p>	<p>Entered into force on 12 December 2017</p>	<p>The Order approves Admission Requirements to higher education institutions in 2018 that regulate specific features of admission of foreigners and stateless persons to higher education institutions of Ukraine.</p>
<p>Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Security Service of Ukraine “On approval of Requirements to the organization of work on visa issuance for entry to or transit through Ukraine” of 30 October 2017 No. 469/897/605, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 24 November 2017 No. 1432/31300</p>	<p>Entered into force on 15 December 2017</p>	<p>The Requirements have been developed on the basis of the Rules for visa issuance for entry to or transit through Ukraine approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 1 March 2017 No. 118. The Requirements establish visa application form, procedure of information exchange between state authorities of Ukraine in the process of visa issuance, filling in visa stickers, accounting, storage, use and destruction of visa stickers.</p>
<p>Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine “On repealing the Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 26 July 2011 No. 196” of 30 October 2017 No. 470, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 24 November 2017 No. 1431/31299</p>	<p>Entered into force on 15 December 2017</p>	<p>Due to the adopted Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and State Security Service “On approval of Requirements to the organization of work on visa issuance for entry to or transit through Ukraine” of 30 October 2017 No. 469/897/605, the Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of the Guidelines for the procedure of visa issuance to foreigners and stateless persons for entry to or transit through Ukraine” of 26 July 2011 No. 196 has been repealed.</p>
<p>Resolution of the Managing Board of the National Bank of Ukraine “On delivery of financial services of remittances by postal service operators” of 21 December 2017 No. 138</p>	<p>Entered into force on 27 December 2017</p>	<p>Aiming to expand the possibilities for population to access financial services related to remittances, especially in rural and remote areas of Ukraine, the Managing Board of the National Bank of Ukraine</p>

		stipulated the possibility for the national postal service operators, designated according to the legislation and other acts, to provide financial services of remittances, and their participation in domestic and international payment systems, subject to licensure by the National Bank of Ukraine allowing remittances in national currency without opening of accounts. This decision is expected, <i>inter alia</i> , to increase remittances from labour migrants.
Resolution of the Managing Board of the Pension Fund of Ukraine “On the procedure for production and issuance of documents confirming pension entitlement” of 3 November 2017 No. 26-1, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 4 December 2017 No. 1464/31332	Entered into force on 8 December 2017	<p>The procedure defines the mechanism for processing, production and issuance of documents confirming pension entitlements. Pension ID cards are either made in paper form or as payment cards that simultaneously serve as pension ID cards, contain graphic and electronic information about the card holder and keys of electronic digital signature.</p> <p>Internally displaced persons who have been granted pension shall receive payment cards that simultaneously serve as pension ID cards, according to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 5 November 2014 No. 637 “On providing social payments to internally displaced persons” and the Procedure for the emission of payment cards that simultaneously serve as pension ID cards, approved by the Resolution of the Managing Board of the Pension Fund of Ukraine of 8 April 2016 No. 7-1.</p>
Joint Protocol on intentions regarding cooperation between the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Austria in the area of labour and social affairs, signed on 13 November 2017	Entered into force for Ukraine on 13 November 2017	The Parties agreed that they shall engage in cooperation in such areas as remittances and transfer payments, labour migration, policy regarding elderly persons and demographic development.
Amendments to the Plan of Activities on Internal Audit of the State Migration Service of Ukraine and economic entities falling under its management for the second half of 2017	Approved on 14 December 2017	The Plan of Activities for the second half of 2017 has been amended to exclude the assessment of quality of administrative service delivery related to issuance and exchange of passports of Ukrainian citizens in the form of ID card (also in cases of replacement of lost or stolen passport) at the HQ of the State Migration Service and its local departments.
Plan of Activities on Internal Audit of the State Migration Service of Ukraine and economic entities falling under its management for the first half of 2018	Approved on 15 December 2017	The Plan stipulates, <i>inter alia</i> , the assessment of quality of administrative service delivery related to issuance and exchange of passports of Ukrainian citizens in the form of ID card (also in cases of replacement of lost or stolen passport) at the HQ of the SMS and its local departments, as well as financial audit and compliance audit at the SMS Departments in Kirovohrad, Chernivtsi and Odesa regions.