

**LEGISLATIVE MONITORING  
for April 2015**

Legislative act	Status (date of approval/further consideration)	Short overview
<b>LEGAL ACTS OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE</b>		
<a href="#"><u>Law of Ukraine “On the ratification of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Iceland on the Readmission of Persons” of 8 April 2015 No. 299-VIII</u></a>	Entered into force on 9 May 2015	The Law ratifies the Agreement executed on 25 September 2013 in New York.
<a href="#"><u>Law of Ukraine “On the ratification of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Republic of Poland on the junction point of the state borders of Ukraine, the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Poland” of 8 April 2015 No. 300-VIII</u></a>	Entered into force on 9 May 2015	The Law ratifies the Agreement signed on 14 March 2013 in Lutsk. The ratification of the Agreement will help complete the delimitation procedures, lay the legal foundation for the demarcation of the junction point of the state borders of Ukraine, the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Poland and serve to further good neighborly relations of the three states.
<a href="#"><u>Law of Ukraine “On the ratification of the Protocol of the TUR border sign installed to mark the junction point of the state borders of Ukraine, Romania and Hungary” of 8 April 2015 No. 296-VIII</u></a>	Entered into force on 10 May 2015	The ratification of the Protocol will facilitate the completion of the demarcation procedures caused by natural changes in the specified area of the state border near the TUR border sign installed to mark the junction point of the state borders of Ukraine, Romania and Hungary.
<a href="#"><u>Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 21 April 2015 No. 337-VIII “On the Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine “On repelling the armed aggression of the Russian Federation and overcoming its consequences”</u></a>	Adopted on 21 April 2015	The draft Resolution is aimed at laying the legal foundation for Ukraine’s consolidated claim against the Russian Federation over its armed aggression against Ukraine.
<a href="#"><u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending certain laws of Ukraine on the naturalization of persons intending to defend the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine during a special period” (No. 2759 of 29 April 2015, MP S.I. Semenchenko)</u></a>	Sent to MPs for review on 5 May 2015	The Draft Law proposes to amend the Law of Ukraine “On the Citizenship of Ukraine” in order to simplify the naturalization, performed according to the procedure established for persons whose naturalization is in the state interests of Ukraine, of foreigners and stateless persons intending to do contract military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and in other military formations

**[Draft Law of Ukraine “On the internal affairs bodies”](#)** (No. 2561 of 6 April 2015, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine)

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of Ukraine.

According to the Draft Law, the system of internal affairs bodies includes, inter alia:

- the central executive authority implementing state policy on the protection of the state border and Ukraine’s sovereign rights in its exclusive (maritime) economic zone;
- the central executive authority implementing state policy on migration (immigration and emigration), including counteracting illegal (unlawful) migration, citizenship, registration of natural persons, refugees and other categories of migrants defined by law.

**[Draft Law of Ukraine “On the martial law legal regime”](#)** (No. 2541 of 3 April 2015, President of Ukraine)

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The Draft Law is aimed at bringing up to date the legislative regulation of the martial law legal regime taking into consideration modern armed conflicts and the experience of the counter-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine. In comparison with the currently valid Law of Ukraine “On the Martial Law Legal Regime”, this Draft Law specifies the content of martial law measures in greater detail, regulates the procedure of the operation of military administrations and contains some other novelties.

In the conditions of martial law, a special regime may be established for entering into and exiting from Ukraine, and the freedom of movement of citizens, foreigners and stateless persons may be restricted.

**[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending certain legislative acts on the participation of foreign nationals in natural monopoly entities”](#)** (No. 2509 of 1 April 2015, MP A.M. Levus, MP S.V. Vysotsky, MP M.V. Havryliuk and others)

Sent to MPs for review on 3 April 2015

The Draft Law proposes to amend the Laws of Ukraine “On the Privatization of State Property” and “On Natural Monopolies” to prohibit foreign natural and/or legal persons that are residents of a state recognized as an invader state according to Ukraine’s legislation or an aggressor state according to international legal norms from participating in the authorized capital of natural monopoly

[\*Draft Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine “On the main lines of 2016 budget policy” \(No. 2623 of 9 April 2015, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine\)\*](#)

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entities, including by purchasing a share in such capital during the entity’s privatization.

The draft defines the objectives and tasks of 2016 budget policy and contains proposals determined by article 33 of the Budget Code of Ukraine.

One of the key tasks of the 2016 budget policy is securing high-priority allocation of budget funds for defense, law enforcement and border construction.

[\*Draft Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine “On approval of the Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine “On Ukraine’s departure from certain obligations defined by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms” \(No. 2765 of 30 April 2015, MP O.I. Syroid, MP O.S. Sotnyk, MP I.O. Klympush-Tsyntsadze and others\)\*](#)

Registered on  
30 April 2015

The Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine notifies of Ukraine’s departure from certain obligations defined by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms until full cessation of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation. In particular, the freedom of movement, which is envisaged by article 12 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, will be restricted in Luhansk and Donetsk regions.

## OTHER LEGAL ACTS

[\*Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 11 March 2015 No. 144 “On approval of the nutrition norms for foreigners and stateless persons placed in temporary facilities for the stay of foreigners and stateless persons illegally staying in Ukraine and in temporary accommodation centers for refugees operated by the State Migration Service”\*](#)

Entered into force  
on 8 April 2015

The Resolution approves the names of products and the amount of products in grams per day for one person, including with a breakdown into age groups.

[\*Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 31 March 2015 No. 163 “On amending point 2 of the Procedure of extending the period of stay and extending or reducing the period of temporary stay of foreigners and stateless persons in the territory of Ukraine”\*](#)

Entered into force  
on 8 April 2015

The amendments improve the said Procedure, which is approved by Resolution No. 150 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 15 February 2012. The improvement concerns the method for calculating the period of temporary stay of foreigners and stateless persons in the territory of Ukraine.

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 31 March 2015 No. 164 “On approval of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Romania on local border movement”](#)

Entered into force on 16 April 2015

The Resolution approves the Agreement executed on 2 October 2014 in the city of Kyiv.

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 15 April 2015 No. 211 “On amending point 4 of the Model Regulation on a temporary accommodation center for foreigners and stateless persons illegally staying in Ukraine”](#)

Entered into force on 23 April 2015

The amendments concern the maximum number of personnel which is approved by the State Migration Service of Ukraine according to budget allocations for a given year.

[Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 April 2015 No. 351-r “On the appointment of Chief Border Commissioner of Ukraine, Deputy Chief Border Commissioner of Ukraine and Deputy Chief Border Commissioners of Ukraine on the Ukrainian-Polish, Ukrainian-Slovak, Ukrainian-Hungarian and Ukrainian-Romanian stretches of the state border”](#)

Entered into force on 8 April 2015

Due to personnel changes in the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) of Ukraine, SBGS Head V.O. Nazarenko, First Deputy SBGS Head V.M. Servatiuk, Head of the Western Regional SBGS Directorate V.P. Hresko and Head of the Southern Regional SBGS Directorate S.M. Kosik are tasked with performing the functions described in the Resolution.

[Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 April 2015 No. 354-r “On amending the National Action Plan to implement the second phase of the EU Visa Liberalisation Action Plan for Ukraine”](#)

Entered into force on 8 April 2015

The deadlines for certain tasks envisaged by the National Plan are extended, in particular the elaboration of the Development Strategy of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine is moved from December 2014 to May 2015.

[Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 15 April 2015 No. 376-r “On signing the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on the activities of border commissioners”](#)

Entered into force on 15 April 2015

The Regulation approves the draft Agreement and authorizes the Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine to sign it.

[Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 29 April 2015 No. 415-r “On amending the annex to Regulation No. 466 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 26 June 2013”](#)

Entered into force on 29 April 2015

Changes are made to the list of Ukraine’s sea ports open for foreign ships. Sevastopol, Yevpatoria, Yalta, Feodosiia and Kerch are removed from the list.

[Decree of the President of Ukraine of 3 April 2015 No. 194/2015 “The issue of the Council of Representatives of the Crimean Tatar people”](#)

Entered into force on 7 April 2015

The Decree amends the Regulation on the Council of Representatives of the Crimean Tatar people which is a counseling and advisory body for the President of Ukraine.

[Decree of the President of Ukraine of 3 April 2015 No. 195/2015 “On the appointment of R.Chubarov Head of the Council of Representatives of the Crimean Tatar people”](#)

Entered into force on 3 April 2015

R.A. Chubarov, Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, is appointed Head of the Council of Representatives of the Crimean Tatar people.

[Decree of the President of Ukraine of 27 April 2015 No. 244/2015 “On the urgent evacuation of Ukrainian citizens from the territory of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal”](#)

Entered into force on 30 April 2015

Due to a natural disaster in the territory of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal which endangers the lives and health of Ukrainian citizens staying there, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine was tasked to arrange urgent evacuation of Ukrainian citizens from the territory of this state.

[Order of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine “On the suspension of points 3 and 5 of the List of sea and river ports of Ukraine whose captains have the right to issue seaman IDs” of 16 March 2015 No. 91, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 27 March 2015 under No. 338/26783](#)

Entered into force on 17 April 2015

According to this Order, the captains of the Kerch and Sevastopol sea ports do not have the right to issue seaman IDs until the constitutional order of Ukraine is restored in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

[Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine “On approval of Amendments to the Procedure of affixing the apostille in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on official documents intended for use in the territory of other states and the preparation by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine of notarized documents for further consular legalization” of 31 March 2015 No. 464/5, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 31 March 2015 under No. 355/26800](#)

Entered into force on 17 April 2015

The Amendments improve the Procedure of affixing the apostille in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on official documents intended for use in the territory of other states and the preparation by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine of notarized documents for further consular legalization.

[Order of Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine “On amending the Order of the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Committee for Nationalities and Religions and the State Department of Ukraine for the Execution of Sentences of 19 February 2009 No. 70/411/101/65/19/32” of 19 February 2015 No.188/77/178/222/5, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 12 March 2015 under No. 273/26718](#)

Entered into force on 3 April 2015

The amendments are made to the Procedure of interaction between agencies providing services to homeless citizens. The Procedure also pertains to the organization of similar work with foreigners, stateless persons, refugees, persons in need of complementary protection and applicants for refugee status or the status of a person in need of complementary protection.

Accordingly, the words “homeless citizens” in the title are replaced with “homeless persons”.

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of the Instruction on the procedure of the implementation of](#)

Entered into force on 3 April 2015

The Instruction is approved in accordance with the Agreement between Ukraine and the European Communities

*international agreements on the readmission of persons by the competent and authorized bodies of Ukraine ” of 16 February 2015 No. 158, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 5 March 2015 under No. 260/26705*

on the readmission of persons in order to implement the provisions of international readmission agreements of which Ukraine is a party, as well as to ensure interaction between the competent and authorized bodies of Ukraine while performing readmission procedures.

The previous Instruction on the operating procedure of internal affairs bodies and state bodies for border protection to implement the provisions of the Agreement between Ukraine and the European Communities on the readmission of persons was approved by Order No. No. 552/862 of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Administration of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine of 12 November 2010 and thus was repealed.