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Laws

Law no. 4

The President of the Republic,

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution,

And to the Decision of the People's Assembly on 14 MAR 2023,

Issues the following:

Article 1

Article 7 of Law no. 2 of 2014 shall be amended as follows:

- A. The Minister of Interior may exempt the Arabs and foreigners on the Syrian territory from carrying their passports in the following cases:
 - 1. Persons holding expired passports, and their countries have no diplomatic representation in the Syrian Arab Republic.
 - 2. Persons whose passports have been delayed, or their embassies refused to renew their passports.
 - 3. Persons of unknown nationalities.
 - 4. Persons holding a refugee card in the Syrian Arab Republic but not holding a passport or holding an expired passport that could not be renewed.
 - 5. Subject to the exigencies of security and the public interest.
- B. The Minister of Interior may exempt Arab and foreigners from obtaining a visa, subject to the exigencies of security and the public interest.

Article 2

Article 28 of Law no. 2 of 2014 shall be amended as follows:

“The visa/residency provisions stipulated in this Law shall not apply to the following:”

- A. Workers on vessels, aircraft or trains who are holding travel documents by sea, air or land, shall be given entry visas by the competent authorities. Such visas shall grant them residency only for as long as the vessel is staying in the seaport, the aircraft in the airport, or the train in the station. The Minister shall issue the stamping instructions on such

documents by the relevant units in the seaports, airports, stations and border-crossing points upon their entry, transit or exit of the Syrian Arab Republic.

- B. Passengers of vessels, aircraft and trains who are permitted by the competent authorities to stay in the Syrian Arab Republic for as long as the vessel is staying in the seaport, the aircraft in the airport, or the train in the station. Captains of the vessels, aircraft or trains shall be required to inform the relevant authority, prior to departure, of the name of every no-show passenger and hand over their passports to the authority.
- C. Nationals of Arab and foreign countries in the border areas adjacent to the Syrian Arab Republic who are exempted by virtue of a special provision or under bilateral agreements between the two countries.
- D. Nationals of Arab and foreign countries who are exempted under international conventions to which the Syrian Arab Republic is a State Party.
- E. Expatriates, subject to regulations set by a decision of the Minister, in coordination with MoFAE.
- F. Without prejudice to Article 27 of this Law, official delegations and figures.

Article 3

Article 30 of Law no. 2 of 2014 shall be amended as follows:

The following shall be exempted from the fees stipulated in Article 29 of this Law:

- A. Refugees, of any nationality, and their spouses and minor children.
- B. Experts visiting to serve public entities.
- C. Arab and foreign persons with disabilities.
- D. Humanitarian cases.

Article 4

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Damascus, 02 APR 2023,

**President of the Republic
Bashar al-Assad**