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## Immigration requirements – period of initial state registration increased

Ukraine is now an official WTO member and new immigration requirements are in effect. Beginning today (16 May 2008), upon entering Ukraine, for citizens of the other WTO member countries, the stamp imprinted in their passports by the Passport Control Officer is valid for **180 days within a year** (i.e. a 12-month period).

This means that no additional registration will be required for citizens of the 151 member countries of the WTO, visiting Ukraine for short-term periods. However, a visa is still required, if no special agreement is signed with Ukraine.

It is important to inform foreign individuals planning to visit Ukraine about the requirement to register with the state authorities within the stipulated period.

Currently, we are not aware of any planned changes to the electronic system for entrance/exit control, although they could be expected in the nearest future. At the moment, no clarification has been provided by the state authorities.

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