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Frontier Service Officers have recently started to pay more attention to foreign nationals entering Ukraine from a selected number of visa-free countries that are known to be sources of the highest volume of illegal immigrants.

At this stage, citizens of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan are among those coming under increased scrutiny at Border Controls. We are aware of cases where the Frontier Service officers exercised their right to disallow entrance of citizens from these countries into Ukraine if they had been in violation of immigration compliance during a previous stay in Ukraine.

NOTE: Major changes in immigration legislation are expected soon. The draft Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreign National and Stateless Persons" has been submitted to the Parliament for approval. The draft is currently under consideration by the Parliament's committees.

We will provide more details on the coming changes after the draft Law has been reviewed.