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On 1 June 2011, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine passed Resolution №567 on Approval of the Rules for Issuing Visas for Entrance to and Transit through the Territory of Ukraine ("The Resolution"). The Resolution comes into force on 10 September 2011.

The Resolution changes the types of visas required for entering Ukraine, and reduces the number of visa types from 16 to 3 (i.e., transit, short- and long-term visas). It also consolidates information that previously existed in different acts in respect of visa validity, grounds for issuing, state fees, and the issuing authorities.

According to the new rules, foreign individuals working in representative offices will be able to obtain temporary residence permits based on their long-term visas. Moreover, dependants of holders of Ukrainian Temporary Residence Permits will be able to apply for short-term Ukrainian visas based on their marriage certificates, or any other document confirming family ties, i.e., visa invitations issued by local immigration authorities will not be required.

It is expected that more changes in respect of obtaining residence permits will be introduced in the near future, as the respective draft laws are submitted to Parliament. We will monitor this issue and will update you on these rules and the related practical implementation.