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## *Russian citizens limited in their stay in Ukraine*

The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, with reference to an order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, has announced enforcement of a 90 day limit in any 180 day period of stay in Ukraine for citizens of the Russian Federation\*.

Starting 7 April 2014 and based on the Procedure\*\*, Russian citizens will only be allowed to stay in Ukraine for up to 90 days in any 180 day period. The period begins on the date of first entry to Ukraine. Previously this rule applied to citizens of the EU and several other countries, except Russians.

If a person overstays his/her limit in the territory of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service may bar entry into Ukraine and impose administrative charges.

As of today, neither the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, nor the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is ready to officially comment on the above mentioned decision. No official information on this issue is currently available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

*\* Respective information was published on 4 April 2014 on the official website of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (<http://dpsu.gov.ua/>)*

*\*\* subparagraph 2 of paragraph 2 of the Procedure of extension of stay and extension or reduction of the term of temporary stay of foreigners and stateless persons in the territory of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine №150 on 15 February 2012*