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Immigration requirements – electronic entry/exit controls have been introduced

The Ukrainian Passport Control Service has now been electronically linked to other immigration authorities. The new electronic system introduced on 1 January 2008 allows them to track passport holders crossing the Ukrainian border. This could have a significant impact on individuals covered by the “visa free” regime.

It appears foreign individuals are **being penalised** when departing Ukraine for their excessive stays that have not been duly registered at the relevant state authority. There is also an increased risk that their future **entry into Ukraine will be rejected**.

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

We are obtaining more details, but the above should be considered when organising trips to Ukraine.

Additionally, the Ukrainian authorities are considering the introduction of a system of biometric identification and verification (using fingerprints and/or eye retina identification) for immigration control purposes.

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