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Directive of the Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 18 “On Introducing Amendments to the Directive of the Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 7 “On Supporting an Isolation System for the Purpose of Fighting the Spread of COVID-19”, dated March 18, 2020”, dated July 7, 2020

In accordance with p. 6 part 1 art 51 of Russian Federal Law No. 52-FZ “On the Sanitary/Epidemiological Wellbeing of the Population”, dated March 30, 1999 (Legislative Bulletin of the Russian Federation, 1999, No. 14, art. 1650; 2019; No. 30, art. 4134), I hereby order:

1. The introduction of amendments to Directive of the Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Russian Federation N. 7 “On Supporting an Isolation System for the Purpose of Fighting the Spread of COVID-19”, dated March 18, 2020 (registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation on March 18, 2020, Registration N 57771), as per the annex.

2. This directive comes into force as of July 15, 2020.

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Annex to Directive of the Chief
Sanitary Inspector of the Russian
Federation N. 18, dated July 7, 2020

Amendments to the Directive of the Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 7 “On Supporting an Isolation System for the Purpose of Fighting the Spread of COVID-19”, dated March 18, 2020

1. Point 1 shall state the following:

"1. Foreign citizens shall:

1.1. When crossing the state border of the Russian Federation, inform the officials engaged in sanitary/quarantine control, about the absence of COVID-19 infection by providing a medical certificate (in Russian or English), confirming a negative result from a laboratory test for COVID-19 with the application of a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, made no earlier than three calendar days prior to arrival in the Russian Federation, along with a medical certificate, confirming the presence of IgG antibodies (if available).

1.2. In absence of a medical certificate, confirming a negative result for COVID-19 with the application of a PCR test, take a new coronavirus test (PCR test) within three calendar days upon arrival to the territory of the Russian Federation. Payment for the test shall be made in line with the legislation of the Russian Federation."

2. In pp 2.2 p. 2, the words “at home” shall be replaced by the phrase “at one’s place of residence (temporary residence)”.

3. Pp. 2.3 p. 2 shall state the following:

"2.3. With respect to instances specified by pp. 2.2 of this point, or should a positive result be produced from a new coronavirus test (PCR method), up until the time of recovery and receipt of negative results from a new coronavirus test (PCR method), meet the requirements for self-isolation at one’s place of residence (temporary residence) (in an isolated space, excluding contact with family members and other persons not subject to isolation).

4. P. 2 shall include pp 2.4, stating the following:

"2.4. Citizens of the Russian Federation shall, within three calendar days after the date of their arrival to the Russian Federation, take a new coronavirus test (PCR)”.

5. P. 3 shall state the following:

"3. Employers shall:

3.1. Provide information to employees leaving the Russian Federation about the requirement to take a COVID-19 test (PCR method) within three calendar days from the day when an employee returns to the Russian Federation.

3.2. For newly employed foreign citizens, check for the possession of medical certificates, confirming a negative COVID-19 test result (PCR method), received no less than three calendar days prior to arrival in the Russian Federation.”

6. Pp. 4.4 p. 4 shall be deemed to have become void.

7. The following shall be stated in the new p. 6:

"6. Recommend to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport and Rosaviation to raise awareness among persons heading to the Russian Federation about the requirements to fulfil the provisions of this directive."

8. P. 6 and 7 shall be considered p. 7 and 8, respectively.