

New rules for entering Mozambique

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THE MOZAMBICAN Government has announced regulations for entering or leaving the country for both citizens and foreigners. They become effective immediately.

The regulations, announced by the Interior Minister, Ndugu Armando Emilio Guebuza, are as follows:

● All Mozambicans resident or non-resident in Mozambique may on any occasion and when there is need, go out or enter the country as soon as they fulfil the legal requirements and present documents that identify them as citizens of this country.

● Foreigners resident in Mozambique may leave the country as soon as they fulfil the legal requirements and formalities, but they must declare, when going out, if they go out definitely or temporarily and in the latter case the probable period of absence.

Foreigners who are non-residents of Mozambique may leave

as soon as they fulfil the legal requirements and formalities.

● Foreigners who want to enter Mozambique ought to address their requests for entry through their respective embassies, consular representatives or other bodies which represent their interests in Mozambique. These bodies will forward such requests to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which in turn will direct them to the Interior Ministry which will decide to grant or not to grant entry.

The petitions of foreigners may also be sent directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Mozambique.

● Foreigners working in the public sector in Mozambique but who are out of the country legally are dispensed of the formalities previously mentioned in this article.

Foreigners who reside in Mozambique and want to go out of the country may re-enter Mozambique without undergoing the formalities mentioned in article three, except if they were included in the following section of this

article.

All those who are out of Mozambique or who absented themselves from Mozambique without valid reasons for a period of more than 90 days will lose their residence in Mozambique.

Special cases that justify absence of a person for more than 90 days should be notified to the Ministry of Interior who will take a decision.

● The Minister for Interior can, through simple dispatch, delegate competence which is attributed to him by this diploma in whatever authority or public organ.

● Maritime transport companies, airlines, railways, buses or any road transport will be held responsible in guaranteeing the return of the individuals whom they carry and try to enter into Mozambique without fulfilling established norms in this decree.

● The Minister for Interior may determine by means of a note (dispatch), the applicability or not of the present decree to foreign citizens who think that they are free from the established regulations.