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G-4/2020 – Entry into force of the Regulations relating to rejection etc. of foreign nationals without a residence permit in the realm, out of concern for public health

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The Ministry of Justice and Public Security refers to the Regulations of 15 March 2020 No. 293 relating to rejection etc. of foreign nationals without a residence permit in the realm, out of concern for public health. The Regulations enter into force immediately, and foreign nationals arriving in the realm after 16 March at 8 a.m. will be subject to implementation of the Regulations.

It is pointed out for clarity's sake that the Regulations do not prevent Norwegian nationals or foreign nationals with residence permits from returning to Norway.

The Regulations stipulate that foreign nationals without a residence permit may be rejected for reasons of public health, due to outbreaks of the hazardous and widely infectious disease COVID-19. This means that all foreign nationals without a residence permit, who are not covered by any of the exemptions cited below, will be rejected without further consideration of the risk of infection posed by each individual.

The Regulations stipulate certain exemptions which entail that the following groups may not be rejected:

- EEA nationals, and their family members as defined under section 110 of the Immigration Act, who reside or work in Norway; see section 1, third paragraph, of the Regulations
- Foreign nationals who will only be staying in airport transit before departing Norway; see section 2 a) of the Regulations
- Foreign nationals who are covered by an exemption from the duty of quarantine pursuant to § 2 of Regulations relating to quarantine etc. upon arrival in Norway; see section 2 b) of the regulations
- Foreign nationals seeking protection in the realm (asylum); see section 2 c) of the regulations
- When special reasons so indicate, such as specific care responsibilities for persons in Norway or other compelling welfare considerations; see section 2 d) of the Regulations

It is pointed out that EEA nationals who work in Norway also include workers posted to Norway who have begun a work assignment.

It is emphasised that the exemptions to the rejection provisions do not constitute exemption from the rules relating to quarantine and isolation in force at any given time.

A closer look at exemptions based on maintaining proper operation of critical public functions