

Extension of employment permits (article 13A, Law 4251/2014)

We hereby notify that, in accordance with article 24 of the Act of Legislative Content of 13 April 2020 (A' 84):

I) the validity of employment permits which have been issued, under article 13a of Law 4251/2014 (A' 80), shall be *ex officio* extended for a period of six (6) months starting from the date of expiry without prejudice to:

- a) providing to the competent police authority a solemn declaration by the employer that the third-country national continues to be employed, since, as laid down in article 1, par. 2, point (f) of the Act of Legislative Content (A' 42) of 25.2.2020, ratified by article 1 of Law 4682/2020 (A' 76), and in the delegated acts referred to in point (f) par. 2 of this article, the employer is not in a position to conclude in time a legal employment contract in order to cope with the needs of the relevant business operation.
- b) the issuing of a decision by the competent police authority suspending expulsion from territory if the conclusion of a contract from the employer's part is objectively impossible, as reflected in the solemn declaration referred to in point (a).

II) Until 30 June 2020 and with regard to the lodging of the request provided for in article 13 of Law 4251/2014 the following shall apply:

- a) The competent authority for the submission and granting of relevant instruments of approval of the request shall also be the relevant police headquarters in the main place of residence of the employer.
- b) The relevant supporting documents for the relevant application are:
 - (ba) A single crop declaration or single declaration of farming referred to in article 9 of Law 3877/2010 (A' 160),
 - bb) A solemn declaration by the employer stating that the specific third-country national shall be employed for at least twenty (20) days, due to the emergency and the inability to conclude a legal employment contract to cope with the needs of the relevant business operation.
- c) The decision suspending expulsion from territory incorporates the right of employment exclusively in the rural sector and is granted once.

d) By decision of the Minister of Rural Development and Food the needs for human resources in the rural economy are defined, as well as all relevant details regarding the implementation of this decision.

e) As to the remainder, article 13a of Law 4251/2014 shall apply.