



A law abolishing visa preferences with some unfriendly countries came into force on May 1, 2022

Federal Law No. 119-FZ of May 1, 2022 "On the Suspension of Certain Provisions of International Treaties of the Russian Federation with the European Community, the Kingdom of Denmark, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation on facilitation of issuing visas for citizens of the Russian Federation and the European Union, the Kingdom of Denmark, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation by the Russian Federation" came into force on May 1, 2022.

In continuation of the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation on retaliatory measures regarding visas (more details in our [news](#), Law No. 119-FZ suspends the operation of certain provisions of international treaties on the simplification of the issuance of visas concluded between the Russian Federation and the following:

- the European Community (the European Union);
- the Kingdom of Denmark;
- Iceland;
- the Principality of Liechtenstein;
- the Kingdom of Norway;
- the Swiss Confederation.

In response to the unfriendly actions of the European Union and some foreign states, the provisions of international treaties with the European Union and the above countries are suspended in the part providing for:

- visa-free regime for holders of diplomatic passports;
- a simplified regime for issuing visas for members of official delegations, national and regional governments and parliaments, constitutional and supreme courts, as well as for foreign journalists.

The President of the Russian Federation is authorized to make a decision on the resumption of the operation of the relevant provisions of international treaties.

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