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RULES

of accreditation of the representatives of foreign mass media in the Republic of Azerbaijan

1. General provisions

1.1. These rules determine the accreditation rules of the correspondents and cameramen of foreign mass media (hereinafter, “representatives of foreign MM”) desiring to conduct journalistic activities in the Republic of Azerbaijan and carry out video shooting for this purpose.

1.2. Accreditation of representatives of foreign MM is regulated by the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Mass Media”, relevant intergovernmental agreements and these Rules.

1.3. According to the 3rd paragraph of Article 53 of the Law on “Mass Media” of the Republic of Azerbaijan accreditation of the representatives of foreign MM is carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter, MFA).

1.4. Same limitations can be applied to the representatives of mass media of the country which apply limitations in accreditation of representatives of mass media of the Republic of Azerbaijan in its territory.

2. Revision of submissions on accreditation of representatives of foreign MM

2.1. Following documents are required for accrediting a representative of foreign MM:

2.1.1. Letter of appeal for the representatives of organizations of MM by the manager of the media organization or the person substituting him/her;

2.1.2. application-form of representatives of MM (attached);

2.1.3. two 3x4 sized colored photos;

2.1.4. copy of passports, or other documents permitting border crossing, (in case the journalist is the citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan) the copy of the ID card;

2.1.5. copy of service identification card;

2.1.6. biographical details(cv);

2.2. The documents necessary for the accreditation of the representative of foreign MM can be submitted to the MFA through post office, diplomatic representations or consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan, electronic service of the web site of the MFA or in person;

2.3. The documents necessary for accreditation of representatives of foreign MM processed within 30 (thirty) days and if the result is positive accreditation card of a representative of foreign MM is issued.

2.4. Accreditation card gives the right of fulfilling journalistic activities in the Republic of Azerbaijan during the period of its validity.

2.5. Information about the result of the processing of the request of accreditation of representatives of foreign MM is provided by the MFA or representations and consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan to requested party.

2.6. Accreditation of representatives of foreign MM is issued for the period of 1 (one) year and required for professional activity. Accreditation can be short and long term. Long term accreditation is for 1 year and short term is for period of a particular visit.

2.7. Foreign MM should apply to the MFA for prolongation of the accreditation period and reaccreditation after the accreditation period has expired.

2.8. Representatives of foreign MM are rejected for accreditation in the following cases:

2.8.1. if submitted documents are not in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of this Rule;

2.8.2. if fake or false information submitted;

2.8.3. if representatives of foreign MM have travelled without relevant permission from the MFA to the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a result of Armenian aggression;

2.8.4. if any activity against territorial integrity, independence, interest and sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the representatives of foreign MM is revealed;

2.9. Accredited representatives of foreign MM take their accreditation cards from the MFA personally.

2.10. In case representatives of foreign MM lose their accreditation card the MFA should be informed immediately. Submission of a duplicate of the accreditation card is considered within 3 (three) days. Following documents are required for issuance of the duplicate of the accreditation card:

2.10.1. The application by the representatives of foreign MM about the loss of the accreditation card;

2.10.2. 2 colored photos sized 3x4

3. Termination of representatives' accreditation foreign MM

3.1. Accreditation of representatives of foreign MM is terminated if accreditation rules are violated by representatives of foreign MM, if any activity against territorial integrity, independence, interest and sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the representatives of foreign MM carried out, if representatives of foreign MM have travelled without relevant permission from the MFA to the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a result of Armenian aggression, if distorted or false information is disseminated or court has made a decision in this respect.

3.2. In case professional activity of representatives of foreign MM is completed earlier than it was initially planned, the date on the accreditation card has expired or accreditation is canceled accreditation card is handed out to the MFA.

3.3. Arrival, registration, permission for living and leaving the Republic of Azerbaijan by representatives of foreign MM is regulated by the migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.