

On certain issues related to FIFA World Cup in the Russian Federation and transit travel of foreign fans through the territory of the Republic of Belarus

The final tournament of the 21st FIFA World Cup 2018 will be held in the Russian Federation from June 14 till July 15, 2018.

Since the World Championship involves a significant number of teams from the European Union member countries, it is expected that part of fans will travel to the Russian Federation in transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus and back.

In order to facilitate the transit travel for this category of citizens it was signed the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Russian Federation on certain issues related to the entry of foreign citizens and stateless persons to international sports competitions on May 29 of this year (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

The Agreement provides for visa-free entry, exit and stay of foreign citizens on the territory of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation for the period of the World Cup and the Second European Games 2019.

IMPORTANT: foreign fans will be able to use this visa-free regime during the World Cup only if they have a valid identity document, as well as a spectator identity card for attendance of the international sports competition (a FAN ID).

The State Border Inspection Post of the Republic of Belarus should be passed through only with the availability of these documents (a FAN ID can be presented in the original or in electronic form).

FAN ID (FANpassport)—is a personalized spectator's card, which is a part of the football fan identification system and is issued to ensure a comfortable and safe stay for spectators at the match stadiums. Every spectator who has purchased a ticket/tickets for a football tournament matches should receive a FAN ID, as well as members of his family or other accompanying persons, travelling to the Russian Federation.

The applicant should fill out a form on the website <http://www.fan-id.ru>

or pass the registration procedure at the FAN ID Distribution Center. The FAN ID is personalized, issued free of charge, only once for each spectator on paper and in electronic form.

FAN ID grants the right to multiple visa-free entry into the territory of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation 10 days before the date of the first match of the World Cup that ends on the day of the last match (from 00:00 hours on June 4, 2018 to 23:59 hours on July 15, 2018).

During the period that starts 10 days before the date of the first match and ends 10 days after the date of the last match (from 00:00 hours on June 4, 2018 to 23:59 hours on July 25, 2018), foreign spectators should leave the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation without visa processing.

IMPORTANT: entry into the territory of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation and exit is carried out

through the international border inspection posts in the Republic of Belarus and in the Russian Federation with third countries;

directly from the territory of the Republic of Belarus to the Russian Federation on the used railways and road routes listed in the Annex to the Agreement.

List of used road routes

The Republic of Belarus	Section of road route	The Russian Federation
Vitebsk region	Redieki – Krasnaya Gorka (M-1 Minsk – Moscow)	Smolensk region
	Ezerishche – Nevel (P-23 Kiev – Saint-Petersburg)	Pskov region
Gomel region	Selishche – Novozybkov (A-240 Gomel – Bryansk)	Bryansk region

List of used railway routes

The Republic of Belarus	Section of railways routes	The Russian Federation

Vitebsk region	Ezerishche – Nevel (Vitebsk – Pskov)	Pskov region
	Osinovka – Krasnoie (Minsk – Smolensk)	Smolensk region
Gomel region	Zakopytie – Zlynka (Gomel – Bryansk)	Bryansk region

Your attention is specifically drawn to the fact that the entry pass of foreign citizens travelling to the World Championship from the Republic of Belarus to the Russian Federation and vice versa outside these transport routes will not be carried out. The violators of the established order of the entry should be liable in accordance with the legislation of the Parties.

On compulsory medical insurance

To enter the Republic of Belarus, foreign citizens should have a compulsory medical insurance contract concluded with a Belarusian insurance organization or a medical insurance contract with a foreign insurance organization in case of delivery of first medical aid by healthcare institutions.

The absence of this document for foreigners who are subject to compulsory medical insurance may be a reason for refusal of the entry into the Republic of Belarus.

On the migration card

Upon entry into the Russian Federation, each foreign citizen is issued a migration card, which he should keep during the whole period of his stay in the Russian Federation.

If the migration card is damaged or lost, the foreign citizen should contact the migration department of the territorial office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia at the place of his stay to obtain a duplicate of the migration card.

When crossing the State Border of the Republic of Belarus for the purpose of further travel to the Russian Federation for the World Cup, it is necessary to contact the representative of the Border Service of the Republic of Belarus to obtain a migration card.

On the registration procedure (migration registration) of foreign citizens

The Republic of Belarus

Foreign citizens who arrived in the Republic of Belarus should within

the period of five days, except for Sundays, national and other holidays, established and declared by the President of the Republic of Belarus as non-work days, unless otherwise provided in the legislation of the Republic of Belarus and international agreements of the Republic of Belarus register in the registration authorities at the place of actual temporary stay.

Foreign citizens temporary staying in hotels, sanatorium-resort and recreation organizations in the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall be registered by these hotels, sanatorium-resort and recreation organizations.

More information on the procedure for registration can be found on the website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (www.mvd.gov.by) in the section “Citizenship and Migration”.

The Russian Federation

In the cities of Volgograd, Yekaterinburg, Kazan, Kaliningrad, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Samara, St. Petersburg, Saransk, Sochi in the period from May 25 to July 25, 2018 for registration at the place of stay of a foreign citizen or stateless person arriving for temporary stay, the receiving party, and in the cases provided for in Parts 3 and 3.1 of the Article 22 of the Federal Law dated July 18, 2006 No. 109-FZ “On migration registration of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation” directly a foreign citizen or a stateless person within 3 days of his arrival at the place of stay should submit to the appropriate territorial office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation or a multifunctional center for provision of state and municipal services documents as required by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

These requirements should not apply to foreign citizens and stateless persons who take part in the World Cup, including representatives of FIFA, FIFA affiliates, confederations and national football associations included in the FIFA lists.

More information on the registration procedure can be found on the website of the Ministry of the Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation (www.mvd.rf) or at www.fan-id.ru.

On the procedure of travel in Kaliningrad by road or rail transport

Citizens of states that are not members of the Schengen zone **should have a Schengen visa** for travelling on matches in Kaliningrad by road or by rail transport.

On actions taken in the event the passport or FAN ID is lost

In case the document for traveling abroad is lost, you need to contact the diplomatic mission or consular office of the state of citizenship to obtain a certificate of return, and then apply for an exit visa in the migration service.

If you lose the FAN ID in the territory of the Russian Federation, you should contact the FAN ID Distribution Center in the cities of holding matches to obtain a duplicate.

Attention of drivers of vehicles carrying out transfers of fans by road transport

In accordance with the Agreement, foreign citizens and stateless persons who are drivers of vehicles carrying out transfers of persons visiting the World Cup by road transport can enter and leave the territory of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation if they have:

- a valid identity document,
- visa, issued in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Republic of Belarus or the Russian Federation, temporary residence permits, residence permits, or a FAN ID.

In cases where in accordance with international agreements of the states of both Parties for specified drivers is provided a regime of visa-free entry, stay, transit and exit, transit travel from the Republic of Belarus to the Russian Federation and vice versa it is possible with the availability of a valid identity document.

Also, we strongly recommend you familiarize with the procedure for equipping buses with satellite navigation equipment in accordance with the Decree of the Russian Federation dated November 25, 2017 No. 1426 (www.aoglonass.ru).

The Russian party is also working out the issue with regard to the introduction of an alternative possibility of using of the Platon electronic fee collection system (www.platon.ru or www.mintrans.ru).