

**Federal Law No (13) for 1996**  
**Concerning "Aliens Entry and Residence"**  
**Amending some provisions of the Federal Law No (6) for 1973**  
**relating to immigration and residence**

We, Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates,

Upon reviewing the Provisional Constitution,

And the Federal Law No (1) for 1972 concerning jurisdictions of ministries and powers granted to ministers and amendments thereof,

And the Federal Law No (6) for 1973, concerning immigration and residence and amendments thereof,

And the Federal Law No (10) for 1973 concerning the Supreme Federal Court and amendments thereof,

And the Federal Law No (8) for 1980 concerning the regulation industrial relations and amendments thereof,

And the Federal Law No (3) for 1987 relating to the issuance of the penal law,

And the Federal law No (35) for 1992 relating to the issuance of the criminal procedures law;

And based on the recommendations of the Minister of Interior and the approval of the Council of Ministers, the National Federal Council and the Supreme Council of the Union.

Issue the following Law :-

**Article One:**

The Texts of articles (17), (20), (21), (29), (31), (32), (34), (35), and (42) of the Federal Law No (6) for 1973 shall be replaced by the following texts:

#### Article (17)

The Directorate of Nationality and Immigration shall be authorized to issue residence permits to aliens for a period not exceeding three years, to be renewable upon expiry. The Directorate shall stamp permission on the alien's passport and issue him a residence card.

Alien shall inform the said department in case of loss of this card and also about any changes in the data registered on it.

#### Article (20)

Without prejudice to any rules or resolutions issued by the Council of Ministers, The Minister of Interior, may for reasons relating to public interest, cancel at any time, any entry visa, permission or residence permit prior to its expiry date.

The Minister of Interior may only take the actions set forth in the above item of this article in the event of violation of the provisions of this law, the resolutions or the rules of implementation thereof by the alien, save violation of articles (32) and (34).

#### Article (21)

Any alien whose entry visa, entry permission or residence permit has been cancelled, or his residence has expired for the expiry of duration of permission or entry visa or residence license, and has not initiated renewal, if so permissible, during a period not exceeding thirty days of the expiry date, or has not left the country during this period, shall be fined with an amount not exceeding Hundred (100) Dirham for any day spent without permission in the country as of the expiry date of the grace period.

In case of an alien child, the grace period mentioned in this article is four months from date of birth, and at the end of such period, if his residence is not legalized, the person upon whom he is dependant or his guardian shall pay the prescribed fine. The

Minister or that whom he appointed may redeem all or part of the fine prescribed in this article.

In case the prescribed fine is not paid, violator shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding Four Thousand Dirham, and the court may recommend his deportation.

#### Article (29)

Pursuant to the provisions of article (21) of this law, exit of an alien from the country shall be with an order issued by the General Directorate of Nationality and Immigration, if such alien has no residence license or if his residence license has been expired or cancelled. Such an alien may not return to the country unless he has fulfilled the necessary conditions and provisions for entry in accordance with the provisions of this law.

#### Article (31)

Any alien, who enters the country by an illegal way, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not less than one month and by a fine not less than One Thousand Dirham or with either of the two punishments, and the court may recommend his deportation.

#### Article (32)

Any captain of any transportation means brings or attempts to bring any person inside the country by violation of the provisions of this law shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not less than three years and not exceeding fifteen years, and with a fine not less than Five Thousand Dirham.

Any one who guides or assists any one who is illegally crossing the borders, for the purpose of entering the country, shall be punished by the same punishment.

In all cases, the means of committing the crime shall be confiscated even if linked with others' right, and fine shall be multiplied with numbers of infiltrators.

The court shall issue an order for deportation of that alien.

#### Article (34)

Any person who forges a visa or entry permission or license or a card for residence, or any other document, upon which these visas, permissions or licenses are issued, in order to avoid the provisions of this law, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years.

Any one who uses , knowingly, any forged document, mentioned in this articles hall be punished with the same punishment.

The court shall issue an order for deportation of the alien from the country.

#### Article (35)

Except for punishments, prescribed for the crimes sated in this chapter, any person who violates the provisions of this law or regulations or orders issued for its implementation shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not less than one month and a fine not less than one Thousand Dirham or with either of these two punishments.

In all cases the provisions for repeated crimes shall be applied if the violation or crime has been committed again during one year of the end of punishment.

#### Article (42)

The Supreme Federal Court shall have jurisprudence over the crimes which are mentioned in articles (32) and (34) of this law. Other courts, , each in the limit of its jurisdiction, shall deal with other crimes.

## **Article Two:**

The following articles shall be added to the Federal Law No (6) for 1973:

### *Article (34)*

#### **Repeating (1)**

Any person who employs an alien who is not under his sponsorship, in violation of conditions and laws for sponsorship transfer, shall be punished with imprisonment and a fine not less than Ten Thousand Dirham or by either of the two punishments.

Sponsor shall be punished by the same punishment if he does not employ his sponsored or if he leaves him to work with others. Sponsor shall be redeemed from punishment if he has informed the police that his sponsored has left work during three months of such date.

In case of employing infiltrating alien, application of the two punishments, prescribed in the precedent article is mandatory.

In all cases, fine is multiplies by number of illegal employees.

### *Article (34)*

#### **Repeating (2)**

Any one who breaches the provisions of article (11) of this law shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months and a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dirham or with one of these two punishments, and the court may order his deportation.

## Article (36)

Repeating:

In application of punishments prescribed in the precedent articles, provisions of articles (83), (121) and (147) concerning suspension of execution, replacement of punishment and judicial pardon, which prescribed in the mentioned Federal Law No (3) for 1987, are not applicable.

## Article Tree:

The phrase (Concerning Immigration and Residence) stated in the title of the mentioned Federal Law No (6) for 1973, shall be replaced with (Concerning Aliens Entry and Residence).

## Article Four

The phrase (Directorate of Nationality and Immigration) shall be replaced by (General Directorate of Nationality and Immigration) whereas mentioned in the Federal Law No (6) for 1973.

## Article Five

Any text inconsistent or contradicting the provisions of this law shall be superseded.

## Article Six

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force three months thereafter.

Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayan  
President of United Arab Emirates

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