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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR**

F. No.1-8/2020-Visa

Islamabad the 19th October, 2022

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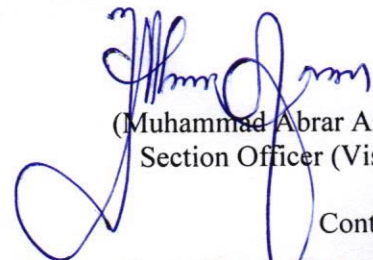
- i) **Chairman, NADRA, HQ, Islamabad.**
- ii) **Director General, IMPASS, HQ, Islamabad.**

Subject: **INCLUSION OF COUNTRIES IN PAKISTAN ONLINE VISA SYSTEM
(POVS) IN BVL / OTHER MISC. MATTERS**

Please refer to this Ministry's letter No.1/8/2013-Visa, dated 18th October 2019, and to state that Federal Government vide Cabinet decision No. 241/30/2022 dated 11th October 2022 has approved following additions / revisions in the Visa Policy:

- i) India and Somalia may be included in the list of 191 countries on POVS.
- ii) Following countries may be included in BVL:
 - i. Bhutan
 - ii. Maldives
 - iii. Nepal
 - iv. Rwanda
 - v. Belarus
 - vi. Slovakia
- iii) At present duration of visa for family visit extension cases is one year maximum, which is enhanced upto two years to facilitate Pakistan origin applicants (spouses/children of Pakistan origin).
- iv) Pak Missions abroad are authorized to issue Entry Visa of short term duration (30) days, family visit category, single entry, non-extendable) on travel/asylum/temporary documents, after obtaining feedback from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- v) Following changes in POVS may also be incorporated:
 - a. Fields showing address and place of stay of applicants, intended entry port/border/airport, place of work, contact details including sponsor details may be made mandatory. Same fields shall also be made mandatory for private individuals other than CPEC projects.
 - b. In case of business visa, contact details of the sponsor may be made mandatory.

2. It is requested that further necessary action may be taken accordingly.


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Copy to information and further necessary action to:

- i. Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad, with request to circulate to all Pakistan Mission abroad.
- ii. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- iii. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Rawalpindi.
- iv. Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad.
- v. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Culture, Islamabad.
- vi. Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Islamabad.
- vii. Secretary, Ministry of Production & Special Initiative, Islamabad.
- viii. Secretary, Ministry of Board of Investment, Islamabad.
- ix. Director, General, (P), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad.
- x. Directorate, General, FIA HQ, Islamabad.
- xi. Directorate, General, (IB), Islamabad.
- xii. Directorate, General, (ISI), Islamabad.
- xiii. Director, General, Civil Aviation Authority, Islamabad.
- xiv. Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, Karachi.
- xv. Chairman, PIA, Karachi.
- xvi. SPS to Minister for Interior.
- xvii. SPS to Secretary Interior.
- xviii. PS to Additional Secretary-(BM), MOI.
- xix. PS to Joint Secretary-(PE/FIA), MOI.
- xx. PS to Deputy Secretary-(PE), MOI.
- xxi. Section Officer (PE-I), MOI.
- xxii. Section Officer (PE-II), MOI.
- xxiii. Section Officer (PE-III), MOI.
- xxiv. Section Officer (India-I), MOI.
- xxv. Section Officer (India-II), MOI.
- xxvi. System Analyst, MoI with the request to update the website of MoI.

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