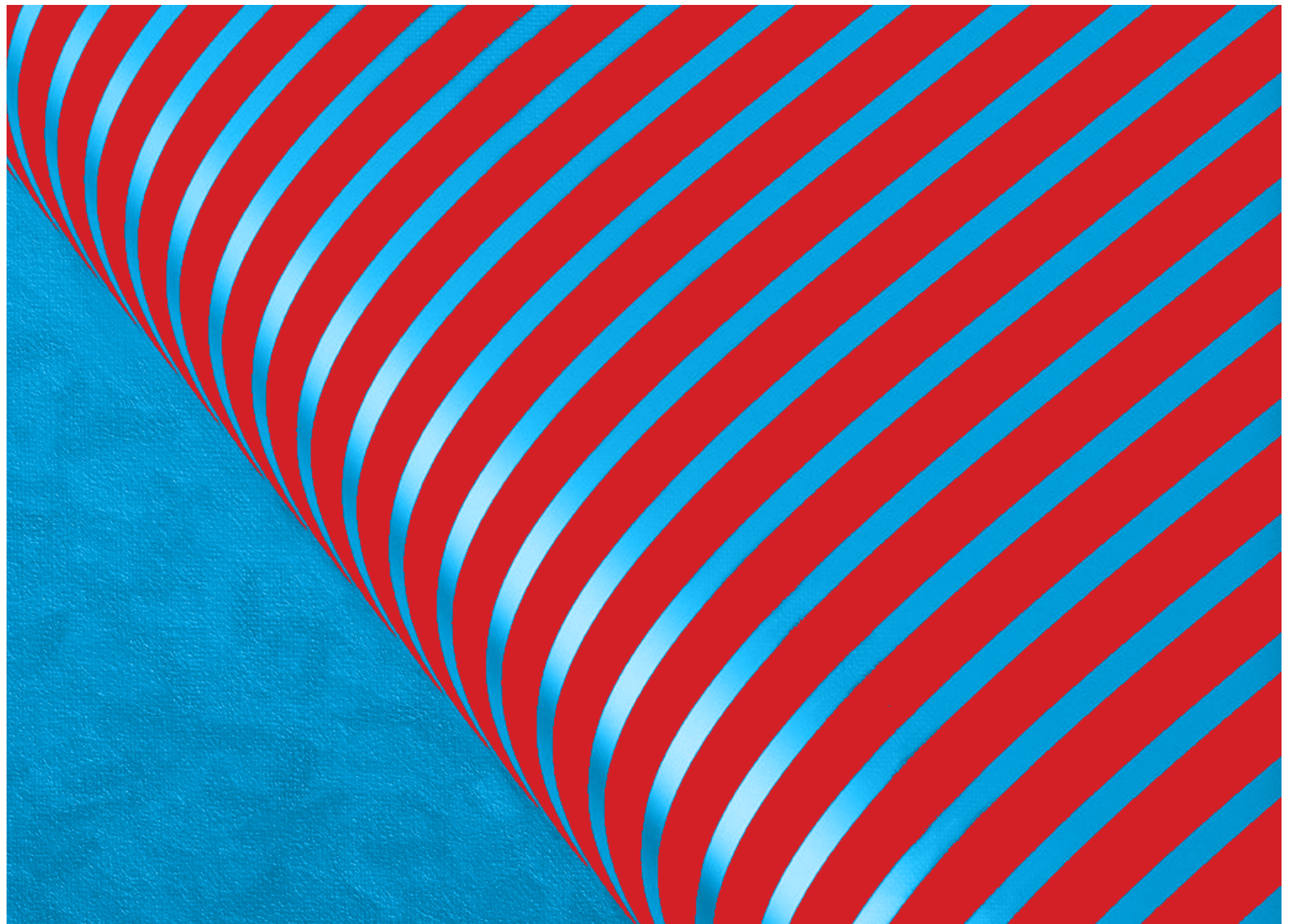


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Albanian Visa regime changes for different countries

On April 2021 has entered into force the latest amendments of the Decision No. 513 dated 13.03.2015 which affects the entrance and staying period of foreign citizens in Albania. Respectively, the following additions and changes are made in the Decision:

- a. Citizens issued with a valid residence permit provided by the competent **authorities of the United Arab Emirates are now exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay in the Republic of Albania for up to 90 days for 180 days**, for equivalent purposes with those of the "C" type visa. In other words, citizens of any nationality who are provided with a valid residence permit issued by the competent authorities of the United Arab Emirates for stays of up to 90 days within 180 can enter and stay in Albania without a visa.
- b. Citizens of the following countries may enter and stay for 90 days within 180 days in Albania only with their Passport and without a Visa for the period **from 1 April 2021 up to 31 December 2021: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, India, Qatar, Oman, Russia and Thailand** ■



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On 24/12/2020 the Council of Ministers approved the decision no 1189, defining the rules, method of calculation of the price and property transfer act for the transfer of the ownership rights over the functional or free land in stimulated areas, in compliance with Law 20/2020 “On the finalization of transitional ownership processes” and Law 111/2018 “On Cadaster”.

According to the legislation in force, "Stimulated area" is any part of the territory of the Republic of Albania, for which, in accordance with law no. 7665, dated 21/1/1993, "On the development of areas with priority tourism" (abrogated), has been approved to carry out stimulated activities and / or non-tourism activities / non-stimulated activities in areas with tourism priority. Meanwhile, a "Stimulated person" is any individual or judicial person who has benefited the title of the

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stimulated person, in accordance with Law no. 7665, dated 21.1.1993, (abrogated).

According to DCM 1189, the process for the approval of the ownership transfer rights over the land is initiated by:

- a.** Through an official request of the stimulated person filed with the e-Albania platform;
- b.** Directly, from the local directorate of National Agency on Cadaster, in the case when the interested subject is a registered owner of the constructed unit but has not submitted an official request for the transfer of ownership of the land.



If the official request for the transfer of the ownership rights over the Land, is not submitted within the 12-month period from the entry into force of law no. 20/2020, "On the finalization of transitional ownership processes", the provisions of article 51 of the same law shall be applied.

Meanwhile, the request for the transfer of ownership rights over the LAND in stimulated areas, administered before the entry into force of law no. 20/2020, "On the finalization of transitional ownership processes", for which the administrative procedure hasn't been completed yet, shall be subject to the rules defined in the Decision 1189 dated 24.12.2020 ■



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