
Emne:

VS: Høringssvar fra Grækenland vedr 29b

Fra:

Sendt: 8. juni 2018 12:38

Til: US Asyl-Sekretariatet

Cc: Emne: Re: Information on Greek asylum procedures (renewal of residence permit/refugee status)

Dear

Please find below the response of the Greek Asylum Service.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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In response to your e-mail regarding DIS's additional requests for clarification, please be informed that:

1) The procedure to follow if a residence permit has expired, both for refugees and for persons who have been granted subsidiary protection, is given in detail in the Greek Asylum Service's webpage. Specifically, as I wrote to you in my e-mail on 14.05.2018, the refugee can apply for the renewal of his/her residence permit via e-mail following the instructions which are available on our website: http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=2498. As soon as a positive decision is issued regarding the request for renewal, the refugee receives an e-mail informing him/her about the next steps he/she should follow. More precisely, he/she must present him/herself to the local competent authority for the issuing of the residence permit (Passport Office of the Greek Police) with our e-mail printed, the already existing residence permit in his/her possession and two appropriate photos.

Furthermore, at a later stage, he/she must present him/herself to the local office of the Greek Asylum Service in order to receive the renewed residence permit and witness the destruction of the expired one.

2) If a residence permit has expired, the refugee (and the person that has been granted subsidiary protection) not only can but should apply for a renewal following the procedure described above.

3) When a refugee has applied for a renewal of his/her residence permit belatedly then, according to article 24 par. 1 of Presidential Decree 141/2013, as amended by Law 4375/2016, a third-country national who is recognized as refugee in Greece obtains a residence permit, which is valid for a period of three years. The refugee should request the renewal of his/her residence permit "at the latest thirty calendar days prior to its expiry. The fact that such renewal application is lodged belatedly and without justification cannot, in itself, lead to its rejection".

Moreover, during the examination of a refugee's renewal application, if the Greek authorities consider a possible rejection of the renewal, it is part of the assessment to consider if the applicant still needs protection. In practice, the applicant is obliged to undergo the same procedure he/she did when he/she first sought asylum (which means that he/she should be interviewed again within the circumstances of the possible rejection).

4) Please keep in mind that all the above apply both for refugees and for those who have been granted subsidiary protection.

Hoping that we covered the question of the Danish Immigration Service, we remain in your disposal for any further information and/or clarification.

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On 7 Jun 2018, at 09:54, wrote:

Dear

We have shared your questions with the Greek Asylum Service.

In order to accelerate the response, we have also asked them to identify a focal point that could answer directly to you all the below questions.

As soon as we will have news we will let you know.

Regards,

From: US Asyl-Sekretariatet

Sent: 06 June 2018 17:13

To:

Cc:

Subject: SV: Information on Greek asylum procedures (renewal of residence permit/refugee status)

Dear

Thank you again very much for your assistance with our query on procedures in the Greek asylum system.

After receiving your reply, we have some additional questions for the Greek authorities, which we hope you will forward for us.

The questions are related to the replies received.

1. The Danish Immigration Service would appreciate information as to whether there is a certain procedure to follow, if a residence permit has expired?
2. If a residence permit has expired, can the refugee apply for a renewal following the procedure described in your previous answer – i.e. b).
3. When a refugee has applied for a renewal of his/her residence permit belatedly, and if the Greek authorities consider a possible rejection of the renewal, will it be part of the assessment to consider, if the applicant still needs protection? If not, and if the application for a renewal is rejected because it is lodged belatedly, would the applicant have to seek asylum again, if he/she still needs protection?
4. Will persons who have been granted a subsidiary protection follow the same procedure as the above mentioned? If not, what is the procedure for renewal of an expired permit for persons with a subsidiary protection?

Thanks in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Kind regards,

On behalf of Head of the Secretariat for Asylum

The Danish Immigration Service

Fra:

Sendt: 15. maj 2018 08:01

Til: US Asyl-Sekretariatet

Cc:

Emne: RE: Information on Greek asylum procedures (renewal of residence permit/refugee status)

Dear

Please find below the response we received from the Greek Asylum Service.

Kind regards,

> -----Original Message-----

> From: >

> Sent: 14 May 2018 15:49

> To:

> Cc:

> Subject: Information on Greek asylum procedures (renewal of residence permit/refugee

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> Dear,

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> In response to your e-mail regarding the DIS's inquiry whether there is the possibility for refugees with refugee status in Greece to obtain a renewal of their residence permit, if they have left Greece and their permit has lapsed during their stay abroad, please be informed that:

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> a) According to article 24 par. 1 of Presidential Decree 141/2013, as amended by Law 4375/2016, a third-country national who is recognized as refugee in Greece obtains a residence permit, which is valid for a period of three years. The refugee should request the renewal of his/her residence permit "at the latest thirty calendar days prior to its expiry. The fact that such renewal application is lodged belatedly and without justification cannot, in itself, lead to its rejection".

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> b) The refugee can apply for the renewal of his/her residence permit via e-mail following the instructions which are available at our website:

> http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=2498. As soon as a positive decision is issued regarding the request for renewal, the refugee receives an e-mail informing him/her about the next steps he/she should follow. More precisely, he/she must present himself/herself to the local competent authority for the issuing of the residence permit (Passport Office of the Greek Police) with our e-mail printed, the already existing residence permit in his/her possession and two proper photos.

> Furthermore, at a later stage, he/she must present himself/herself to the local office of the Greek Asylum Service in order to receive the renewed residence permit and witness the destruction of the expired one.

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> Hoping that we covered the question of the Danish Immigration Service, we remain in your disposal for any further information and/or clarification.

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> Kind regards,

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> Asylum Unit for the Beneficiaries of International Protection Greek Asylum Service

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From: US Asyl-Sekretariatet <

Sent: 08 May 2018 15:36

To:

Cc:

Subject: Information on Greek asylum procedures (renewal of residence permit/refugee status)

Dear all

The Danish Refugee Board (second instance) has asked the Danish Immigration Service for information regarding the possibility for refugees with refugee status in Greece to obtain a renewal of their residence permit, if they have left Greece and their permit has lapsed during their stay abroad. We are interested in the practical procedures related to this situation and not just the formal rules applying to renewal of refugee status.

We do not have any contacts within the Greek asylum authorities. Would this be a request we could formally put forward to EASO?

I can elaborate on the matter by phone, if necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

Head of the Secretariat for Asylum

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