

Decree-Law No. 17 of 1998 Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. 3 of 1963 Concerning the Regulation of Foreigners' Entry and Residence in Qatar 17 / 1998

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We, Jassim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Deputy Emir of the State of Qatar,
Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 22, 23, 27 and 34 thereof;
Law No. 3 of 1963 concerning the regulation of foreigners' entry and residence in Qatar, and the amending laws thereof;
Law No. 5 of 1970 determining the powers of the Ministers and assigning the competencies of the Ministries and other government agencies, and the amending laws thereof;
Law No. 8 of 1983 on compounding offences of entry and residence of aliens in Qatar;
Law No. 3 of 1984 regulating foreigners' sponsorship, residence and departure;
The proposal of the Minister of Interior; and
The draft Law submitted by the Coun

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Article 1

The texts of Articles 5 and 8 of Law No. 3 of 1963 referred to above shall be replaced with the following texts:

"Article 5

1. Captains of vessels and airplanes, and bus drivers, when entering or leaving Qatar, shall present to the officer-in-charge a manifest containing the names of the crew of their vessels, airplanes and vehicles, and the names of passengers and their details. They shall carry no passengers who do not hold passports or visas for entering the country, and where such persons are in or on such vessel, airplane or bus, they shall be prevented from disembarking or exiting, and the concerned authorities shall be informed accordingly.
2. In all cases, any such carrier shall, at his own expense, undertake to return any passenger not in possession of a passport or entry visa to the country from which he came. The carrier's authorised agent may act on his behalf in any compounding and legal proceedings taken against the carrier.

Article 8

1. Managers of hotels and the like shall submit true information to the concerned authority about businessmen and tourists who are permitted to enter the country through them, and they shall accommodate them in the same hotel that processed their visas, unless otherwise necessary. The hotel shall be responsible for assuming all obligations of the sponsor.
2. In all cases, the said hotels or any person who accommodates an alien or keeps him in his house shall inform the security department of the name of the alien and his address within twenty-four hours of his arrival."

Article 2

All competent authorities, each within its jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law which shall come into force thirty days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.