



Global Immigration alert

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Venezuela

Immigration processing delays and travel disruptions amid diplomatic tensions

Executive summary

On 29 July 2024, the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs “ordered” diplomatic representatives from Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Peru and Uruguay to leave Venezuela and recalled Venezuelan diplomatic personnel posted in these countries.

Key developments

Relations between Venezuela and the aforementioned countries were impacted after leaders of these countries refused to recognize Venezuela’s presidential election results issued by the National Electoral Council. The recent announcement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has led to disruptions in immigration procedures at the Venezuelan consulates located in these countries and the consulates of these countries located in Venezuela. Travel between Venezuela and these countries has also been impacted due to the suspension of several flights.

The Venezuelan authorities are expected to announce alternative immigration procedures on a temporary basis for impacted individuals. A possible alternative is for these individuals to access immigration services at Venezuelan consulates in other countries. The evolving situation may impact Venezuela’s relations with other countries and immigration procedures for additional categories of individuals. Amid this rapidly evolving situation, the authorities may issue further updates at short notice.

Impact on employers

The current situation may adversely impact companies that employ impacted individuals. Employers may keep these individuals informed and stay updated with the ongoing developments to ensure their employees’ safety and minimize business disruptions.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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