

Information for foreigners that were not able to leave the country.

New legislation, passed because of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic, also addresses the issue of foreigners, that could not leave Slovenia even though they were legally obliged to:

Article 101 (Stay of foreigners)

Foreigners who had valid legal title for a lawful stay in the Republic of Slovenia until at least 13 March 2020 and who, for objective reasons, cannot leave its territory during the period in which measures to contain the epidemic apply, shall be allowed to stay in the country until containment measures objectively preventing foreigners from leaving its territory are lifted or until foreigners have obtained relevant legal title for a lawful stay.

Background of Article 101:

The Article provides for further stay of foreigners whose residence permit or visa expires in the period in question and who, for objective reasons, cannot leave the territory of the Republic of Slovenia. The Article also provides for further stay of foreigners who did not require a visa to enter the Republic of Slovenia and who, for objective reasons, were unable to leave its territory in due time or to obtain relevant legal title for a lawful stay.

The stay of foreigners whose legal title for a lawful stay is no longer valid is allowed from 13 March 2020, when an epidemic was declared in the Republic of Slovenia and the WHO declared a pandemic. Pending the passing of this law, the status of foreigners is regulated by extending the validity of visas or issuing decisions under Article 67 of Foreigners Act, which has been rendered impossible by the sheer volume of cases. The validity of this provision as from 13 March 2020 also legalises the stay of foreigners whose valid legal title for a lawful stay expired after that date and who, for objective reasons, have not been issued with the above decision or whose visa could not be extended due to legal limitations. Under this Article, the stay of foreigners is allowed only until SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) containment measures objectively preventing foreigners from leaving the territory of the Republic of Slovenia are lifted or until the foreigners have obtained relevant legal title for a lawful stay.