

**Client Alert  
26 March 2020**

**Promulgation of Emergency Law n° 2020-290 of 23 March 2020 to deal with the Covid-19 epidemic, and publication of Order n° 2020-328 of 26 March 2020**

Following the press release of the Ministry of Interior on 16 March 2020, **Emergency Law n° 2020-290 of 23 March 2020 to deal with the Covid-19 epidemic, and Order n° 2020-328 of 26 March 2020 have now been promulgated.**

These texts confirm the **three month validity extension of residence permit documents** expiring between 16 March and 15 May, 2020, including long-stay visas, residence permits, provisional residence permits, asylum application certificates, and receipts for residence permit applications.

The purpose of the order is to secure the legality of the presence on the territory of foreigners with expiring permits, and to avoid any questioning of rights in a health context which does not allow the prefectures to process renewal requests under normal conditions.

As this measure is applicable only on national territory, it is accordingly recommended not to leave France with an expired residence permit.

The borders of the Schengen Area remain closed during thirty day from 17 March 2020. Non European nationals will not be able to enter during this period of time.

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