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Finland

Draft proposal on legislative amendments for the removal of third-country nationals and entry bans

Executive summary

The Finnish government has published a draft proposal to reform the provisions governing the removal of third-country nationals from the country and the issuance of entry bans. The proposal is expected to come into effect on 12 June 2026.

Key developments

If approved, the proposal would clarify the regulations governing the removal of third-country nationals from the country and expedite the enforcement of deportation decisions in matters other than asylum. The main changes would include:

- Appeals against a deportation decision would no longer automatically postpone or prevent the enforcement of the decision. Deportation decisions could be enforced 30 days after they are issued. The individual to be deported could stay in the country during the time allowed for lodging the appeal. Upon application, an administrative court could prohibit or suspend enforcement for the duration of the appeal process.
- A new residence permit application submitted during the appeal process would, in principle, lead to denial of the application.
- An entry ban could be imposed in advance on an individual who is staying outside Finland and is considered a danger to national security. The ban could be imposed even if the individual has no prior permit history in Finland. The entry ban would be imposed by the police and would apply across the entire Schengen Area.

Impact on employers

Employers may stay updated and keep employees informed regarding the latest developments.

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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