

Federal Migration Service (FMS of Russia)
Department for Organization of Work with Foreign Citizens



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Re: On Providing Information on Special Facilities for Non-Citizen Placement

The Department for Organization of Work with Foreign Citizens of the FMS of Russia has reviewed your application upon the Service head bodies' order concerning special facilities for non-citizen placement, considers it possible to inform you on the following:

For performing measures for legal, organizational, and resource maintenance of admission, placement, and settlement of persons returned from foreign states to the Russian Federation within readmission agreements, as well as persons subject for readmission from the Russian Federation to foreign states, there are three special readmission facilities: the federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "Readmission Center, Pskov City", the federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "Don Readmission Center", and the federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "Bolshevo Training and Readmission Center".

Since February 1, 2011, 426 foreign citizens were placed in the FMS readmission centers. At present, 91 foreign citizens are placed in these centers.

In 2011, 1 minor child together with mother, a citizen of the Kongo Democratic Republic, readmitted from the Republic of Poland, was confined in the federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "Bolshevo Training and Readmission Center".

Actual legislation does not restrict freedom of movement for asylum seekers in the Russian Federation.

At the same time, in accordance with Articles 6 and 8 of the Federal Law *On Refugees* asylum seekers, refugees, and persons provided with temporary asylum, as well as their family members, have right to be placed in a temporary placement center where they get nutrition and use public utilities.

Minor asylum seekers have right to get support in assignation to preschool facilities and/or to school education facilities.

The FMS of Russia at present has three centers for temporary placement of asylum seekers, refugees, and persons provided with temporary asylum:

1. The federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "Ocher migration center" placed in the Ocher town, Perm Territory. The center is designed for 100 persons. At present, 33 children are placed here with their families.
2. The federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "Goryachy Klyuch" placed in the Goryachy Klyuch town, Krasnodar Territory. The center is designed for 20 persons. At present, 3 children are placed here with their families.

3. The federal public institution of the FMS of Russia "*Serebryaniki* migration center" placed at the Vyshnevolotsky district of the Tver Oblast. The center is designed for 200 persons. At present, 9 minors are placed here with their families.

I also inform you that to observe the Presidential Order No. Пп-1729 from June 15, 2010, on taking legislative and organizational/regulatory measures on creating special facilities in the Russian Federation subjects, the Federal Migration Services together with heads of the Russian Federation subjects are performing activities on creating special facilities for placement of non-citizens subject to administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation (referred further as "special facilities").

The Federal Law No.244-ФЗ from Dec 2, 2012, *On Introducing Amendments to the Budget Code of the Russian Federation and to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation* amends the Federal Law No.3-ФЗ from Feb 7, 2011, *On the Police*, Article 54, Paragraph 1, providing that obligations of internal affairs bodies to confine non-citizens subject to administrative expulsion or deportation from the Russian Federation in the internal affairs bodies' special premises are prolonged up to January 1, 2014.

The FMS of Russia does not dispose information on names and addresses of the facilities belonging to the system of the Russian Ministry for Internal Affairs where non-citizens subject to administrative expulsion or deportation from the Russian Federation are confined.

At the same time, special facilities created in form of a federal public institution do exist and function in 17 subjects of the Russian Federation: North Ossetia – Alania and Komi Republics, Kamchatka and Khabarovsk Territories, Bryansk, Kostroma, Pskov, Yaroslavl, Vologda, Kurgan, Novgorod, Rostov, Novosibirsk, Sakhalin, and Astrakhan Oblasts, Yamal-Nenets and Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Areas.

Up to date, those facilities are not subordinated to the FMS of Russia.

During the last three years, 40,623 foreign citizens subject to administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation were confined in the premises of internal affairs bodies and the special facilities of the Russian Federation subjects (13,638 in 2010, 12,481 in 2011, and 14,504 in 2012).

The FMS of Russia does not maintain statistical accounting of number of foreign citizens placed to the special facilities in deportation proceedings, as well as of number of minor foreign citizens and their accompanying persons confined in the special facilities.

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