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Fact sheet

Norwegian-Russian Agreement on local border traffic regime

Agreement between Norway and Russia
on Facilitation of Mutual Travel for Border Residents
signed by Foreign Ministers Støre and Lavrov in Oslo 2 November 2010

Under the Agreement the following arrangement will be established:

- Border residents who have been legally residing in the border area for at least the three previous years may be issued with a local border traffic permit valid for up to three years.
- The border area as defined in the agreement:
 - Norway: The territory of the municipality of Sør-Varanger which lies within a 30 km zone from the state border.
 - Russia: The territories of the municipalities of Nickel and Pechenga which lie within a 30 km zone from the state border, as well as the territories of the municipalities of Zapoliarniy and Korzunovo.
- Holders of local border traffic permits may stay in the neighbouring state's border area for up to 15 days for each visit without any visa. The total duration of stay in the neighbouring state's border area within the period of validity of the border traffic permit shall not be limited.
- The local border traffic permit does not in itself give a right to work in the neighbouring state's border area.
- The Norwegian Consulate General in Murmansk will issue local border traffic permits to residents of the Russian border area. The Russian Consulate General in Kirkenes will issue local border traffic permits to residents of the Norwegian border area.
- The agreement will enter into force when the necessary procedures have been completed in Norway and Russia.

