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PRESS RELEASE

In order to secure the presence of legal aliens on the French territory and to avoid any questioning of rights in a health context that does not allow prefectures to process their requests under normal conditions, the validity date of several residence documents will be extended.

Given the health context related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus, residence permit applicants will not be received by prefectures until further notice.

In order to secure the presence of legal aliens on the French territory and to avoid any questioning of the rights granted by their residence permit, especially the right to work and the enjoyment of social rights, the validity date of the following documents, which would otherwise expire as of 16 March, will be extended by 3 months:

- long-stay visa,
- all types of residence permits except for special residence permits issued to foreign diplomatic and consular staff,
- temporary residence permits,
- asylum application certifications,
- Récepissé for residence permit applications.

This is enforceable on national territory.

Foreigners holding an expired residence permit benefiting from this extension are advised not to leave the French territory at the risk of not being allowed back in, at least not with some difficulty.