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Cameroon is Removed from List of Countries of Calling Visa

The Directorate General of Immigration released Regulation No. M.HH-05.GR.01.06 Year 2023 concerning the removal of Cameroon from the list of Calling Visa countries on 23 November 2023. Calling Visa countries are countries whose conditions or circumstances are considered to have a certain level of vulnerability in terms of ideological, political, economic, social, cultural, national defense and security, and immigration aspects. Currently, the list of countries subject to Calling Visas are: **Afghanistan, Guinea, Israel, North Korea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Somalia.**

According to the Director General of Immigration, Silmy Karim, this decision was made based on various considerations including the potential for economic cooperation and the relatively low level of negative impact (level of vulnerability/risk) towards Indonesia. It is also explained that there has been a significant downward trend in Administrative Immigration Actions (Tindakan Imigrasi Administratif/TAK) against Cameroonian nationals in recent years. Additionally, there have been no prosecutions involving Cameroonian nationals in Indonesia in almost 4 (four) years.

The removal of Cameroon from the Calling Visa list is attributed to its status as a potential market and entry point for Indonesian products into West and Central Africa. According to the Data from the Central Statistics Agency (Badan Pusat Statistik/BPS) and the Ministry of Trade, there is a surplus of USD 32 million in trade balance of Indonesia and Cameroon in 2022.

The implications of removing Cameroon from the Calling Visa list include changes in the visa application process for Cameroonian citizens, who now can apply online through evisa.imigrasi.go.id instead of going through the Clearing House (CH).

According to Silmy Karim, immigration control will be applied normally, and actions will be taken against Cameroonian nationals for any violations. If there are repeated violations, the Immigration may propose a reconsideration of the Calling Visa removal. The Immigration Directorate General is continuously evaluating countries on the Calling Visa list, and Guinea in West Africa is currently undergoing evaluation for Calling Visa withdrawals.

In addition, the Indonesian citizens who are intending to visit Cameroon are now required to apply for a visa. Tourist visas are granted with a validity of up to 30 (thirty) days, while business visas are issued with a validity of up to 6 (six) months.

References:

- Directorate General of Immigration Press Release on 29 November 2023 - Cameroon Dropped from Calling Visa List, Directorate General of Immigration, Ministry of Law and Human Rights Indonesia
- Directorate General of Immigration Regulation No. M.HH-05.GR.01.06 Year 2023

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