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Macedonia: Whether a Macedonian citizen in Canada must pick up his/her Macedonian passport in person; whether a lost passport affects the application process
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

This Response provides additional information to MCD41951.E of 12 September 2003 and MCD38912.E of 6 May 2002 on the procedure to obtain a Macedonian passport.

In correspondence of 22 April 2004, the Consul General of the Consulate General of Macedonia in Toronto stated that if someone cannot pick up their passport in person, they must call the Consulate General, inform the Consular Officer of the reason and identify a spouse, child, parent or sibling that will pick up the passport on their behalf. When picking up the passport, the family member must first present a piece of identification such as a driver's license, passport or citizenship card and sign a form which confirms they have indeed picked up the passport (Consulate General of Macedonia 22 Apr. 2004). In a 26 April 2004 telephone interview, the Head of the Office of the Embassy of Macedonia in Ottawa added that in the event that a person cannot personally pick up their processed passport, a person of their choice can pick up the passport for them provided that they have a letter of power of attorney from the person for whom the passport has been processed. He added that in the case that the person cannot travel to the Consulate or Embassy of Macedonia in Canada, processed passports can be sent to the person using a courier service that requires a signature upon receipt (Embassy of Macedonia 26 Apr. 2004).

In cases where a Macedonian citizen has lost his or her passport, he or she is required to immediately report this to the nearest Embassy or Consulate General of Macedonia and submit a statement describing the circumstances under which the passport was lost (Consulate General of Macedonia 22 Apr. 2004). The Head of the Office of the Embassy of Macedonia in Ottawa added that the person must file a report with the police about this loss and submit a copy of this report to the Consulate or Embassy along with their personal statement (Embassy of Macedonia 26 Apr. 2004). Following this, the person can apply for a new passport following the regular procedure (*ibid.*; Consulate General of Macedonia 22 Apr. 2004).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

Consulate General of the Republic of Macedonia, Toronto. 22 April 2004. Correspondence received from the Consul General.

Embassy of the Republic of Macedonia, Ottawa. 26 April 2004. Telephone interview with the Head of Office.

Additional Sources Consulted

Internet sites, including: Embassy of Macedonia in Washington D.C, Government of Macedonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Macedonian Information Agency


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