**Application Guide for Work Permit Exemption Applications of Foreigners Who Will Work in Tea and Hazelnut Agriculture Within the Scope of Seasonal Agricultural Jobs**

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| **Where to Apply** | * Application can be made by the foreigner at **https://emuafiyet.csgb.gov.tr**

*“The application can be made online without the need for any physical documents.”* |
| **Application Section to be Selected in the System** | *After logging into the system;** subparagraph **Seasonal Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Jobs (g)** should be selected.

*Agricultere & Livestock Sector* *🡪 Seasonal Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Jobs (g)* |
| **Legal Basis** | * Subparagraph (g) of Article 48 of the International Labour Force Law No. 6735 dated 13.08.2016 and the Implementation Regulation of the International Labour Force Law dated 02.02.2022
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| **Who is Granted a Work Permit Exemption Under Subparagraph (g)?** | * Work permit exemption will be issued to foreigners who will work in seasonal agricultural and animal husbandry jobs determined by the Directorate General.

*“The Directorate General has determined tea and hazelnut agriculture jobs in the provinces of Artvin, Giresun, Ordu, Rize, Samsun and Trabzon within the scope of work permit exemption.”* |
| **For How Long Can Work Permit Exemption Be Issued?** | * Work permit exemption is issued for tea and hazelnut agriculture jobs for **up to 6 months.**
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| **Occupation To Be Selected During Application in the System** | * During the application, occupational codes suitable for the activity to be performed should be selected in the system (*tea harvesting worker, hazelnut harvesting worker, agricultural worker, etc.)*
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| **Required Documents** | *The following documents must be uploaded to the system during the application:* * **Passport**
* **Work Permit Exemption Request Form for Seasonal Agriculture Jobs**

*“The form, a sample of which can be found in the Annex, which includes the province where the foreign employee will work, the employer information and the date range in which the foreign employee will work, will be uploaded.”** **Service Contract (If any)**

*“A mutually signed service contract between the foreign employee and the employer will be uploaded. The contract must be signed by both parties. Contracts that are missing the signature of either party or do not contain information about the wage to be received by the foreigner are not accepted. The contract must be in Turkish or English only.”** **Document Regarding the Employer (Farmer Registration System Document) (If any)**

*“Farmer Registration System Document obtained from e-Goverment or Provincial/District Agricultural Directorates will be uploaded.”* |
| **Important Matters** | * The application is made by the foreigner himself/herself.
* The applications do not require an electronic signature.
* Work permit asessment criteria such as employment quota, paid-in capital, gross sales, etc. are not considered in the assessment of the application.
* Applications made from within the country must be made during the period in which foreigners are legally present in the country. In this context; applications to our Ministry must be made before the validity period of the foreigners' ongoing residence permit, work permit or work permit exemption expires.
* Foreigners who do not have a valid permit or exemption must apply for work permit exemption within 30 days of entry into Türkiye, provided that the visa or visa exemption period is not exceeded, or apply for work permit exemption from abroad without entering Türkiye by going to the Turkish foreign representation in the country where they are abroad and applying for work permit exemption from abroad with the reference number given by the relevant representation.
* Foreigners who have completed their right to reside in Türkiye with the visa exemption they have due to their nationality must apply from abroad.
* If the foreigner has a foreigner identification number starting with 9, it is necessary to enter this number into the system during the application in order to prove that the foreigner is legally present in the country on the date of application.
* Application for extension of work permit exemption period is not possible.
* New application cannot be made under subparagraph (g) until a period of twelve months has passed from the date of issuance of the work permit exemption.
* Work permit exemption fees and valuable paper fees can be paid **online** through the Digital Tax Office (dijital.gib.gov.tr).
* If a work permit exemption document is requested, the document will be sent by PTT Cargo to the address declared during the application.
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| **Work Permit Exemption Fee**  | * Work permit exemption fees are paid for work permit exemptions issued for a period of 3 months or more.
* No work permit exemption fee is paid for work permit exemptions issued for a period of less than 3 months.
* Details regarding the current amount of work permit exemption fees and payment method are available on the website of Directorate General of International Labour Force. (https://www.csgb.gov.tr/uigm)
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| **Valuable Paper** **Fee** | * For work permit exemptions issued for a period of 3 months or more, the valuable paper fee is paid and the work permit exemption document is sent to the address specified in the application.
* Details regarding the current amount of valuable paper fee and payment method are available on the website of Directorate General of International Labour Force. (https://www.csgb.gov.tr/uigm)
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| **Work Permit Exemption Document** | * For work permit exemptions issued for less than 3 months if the document is requested, the valuable paper fee is paid and the Work Permit Exemption Document is sent. If the document is not requested, the valuable paper fee is not paid and only the digital proof document of work permit exemption is sent to the registered e-mail address.
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| **What Does the Work Permit Exemption Provide?** | * Right to work
* Right to reside
* Right to make multiple entries and exits to Türkiye
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| **Where is the Work Permit Exemption Valid?** | * It is valid in the provinces of Artvin, Giresun, Ordu, Rize, Samsun and Trabzon.
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