TO THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS AT LNGS
(Supplement to note LNGS/ref. 0000402 on Jan. 29, 2010)

Equivalence between entry stamp and Declaration of presence.

For stays in Italy for study, visits, business, and tourism and when the duration of the stay does not exceed three months, non-EU citizens entering Italy from a non-Schengen Country receive an entry stamp on passport by the Italian Border Police.

This entry stamp is considered to be equivalent to the declaration of presence and, therefore, LNGS users are not required to get to local Police in Avezzano within eight working days.

On the other hand, non-EU citizens entering Italy from a Schengen Country shall submit declaration of presence to the local Police Dept. within eight days upon their arrival in Italy.

As already remarked on Jan. 29, 2010 (see LNGS/ref. 0000402), non-compliance with legal requirements above may, at some extent, involve expulsion.

IN BRIEF.

1. ENTRY STAMP HAS LEGAL FORCE EQUAL TO DECLARATION OF PRESENCE ('DICHIARAZIONE DI PRESENZA') WHEN *ALL* OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:
   - Italy is entered from a non-Schengen Country and
   - stay is up to 90 days per a six-month period (or less according to visa) and
   - a clearly "readable" stamp has been obtained by the Italian Border Police and
   - access and stay in Italy is for
     - study ("studio")
     - visits ("visita")
     - tourism ("turismo")
     - business ("affari")

AS A CONSEQUENCE NON-EU CITIZENS WON'T NEED TO GET TO LOCAL POLICE DEPT. IN AVEZZANO (AQ) WITHIN EIGHT WORKING DAYS

2. DECLARATION OF PRESENCE ('DICHIARAZIONE DI PRESENZA') HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO LOCAL POLICE DEPT. WITHIN EIGHT WORKING DAYS WHEN:
   - Italy is entered from a Schengen Country (internal border);
   - stay is up to 90 days per a six-month period (or less according to visa) for study, visits, tourism, business;
   - no stamp or no clearly "readable" stamp has been obtained by the Italian Border Police.

For any additional question on this subject, case-by-case support is provided by this Office.

Regards,

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