

ACT

Dated 27 February 2019

On Amending Certain Matters in Connection with the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union

The Parliament has enacted this Act of the Czech Republic:

**PART ONE
INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

**Section 1
Subject Matter**

(1) In connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as “the United Kingdom”) from the European Union without an agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union pursuant to Article 50, paragraph 2 of the Treaty on European Union, this Act introduces amendments to the following matters to be applicable for a transition period:

- a) residence of a United Kingdom national, or a family member of a United Kingdom national, in the territory of the Czech Republic,
- b) obtaining of the Czech citizenship by a United Kingdom national,
- c) getting a marriage or civil partnership by a United Kingdom national and a married name declaration,
- d) access of a United Kingdom national or their family member to the labour market and their entitlement to unemployment benefits,
- e) provision of some social security benefits and carer’s benefit to a United Kingdom national or a family member of the United Kingdom national,
- f) income tax in relation to the United Kingdom,
- g) building savings of a United Kingdom national,
- h) supplementary pension schemes with contributions from the state and additional pension savings of a person with a place of residence in the territory of the United Kingdom,
- i) payment transactions in pounds sterling and payment transactions using payment services in the United Kingdom,
- j) recognition of professional qualifications of a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national,

k) recognition of professional qualifications and specialized skills for medical professions and for performing of activities relating to healthcare obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom,

l) provision of legal services by a United Kingdom national,

m) tax consulting provided by a United Kingdom national, or a family member of a United Kingdom national,

n) provision of financial services licensed in the United Kingdom,

o) provision of foreign higher education by a foreign higher education institution with registered office, central administration or the principal place of business in the United Kingdom, or by a higher education institution established pursuant to the laws of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as “the foreign higher education institution based in the United Kingdom”), or by its Czech branch,

p) treatment of medicinal products manufactured or released in the United Kingdom,

q) public money collections organized by a legal entity based in the United Kingdom,

r) position of an entity with a registered office in the United Kingdom in the matters relating to gambling.

(2) Provisions of this Act shall prevail over other legislative provisions that the above matters are regulated by.

PART TWO

RESIDENCE OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL IN THE TERRITORY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Section 2

Temporary residence of a United Kingdom national in the territory of the Czech Republic

(1) A United Kingdom national whose certificate of temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic (*potvrzení o přechodném pobytu*) was issued prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose temporary residence was not cancelled or did not expire prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be authorized to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic.

(2) A United Kingdom national who applied for a certificate of temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic (*potvrzení o přechodném pobytu*) prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose application was not finally decided prior to the effective date of the Act, shall be authorized to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic until the decision on the application becomes final. The Ministry of the Interior shall, upon request, issue a confirmation to a United Kingdom national, that they submitted the application for a certificate of temporary residence in the Czech Republic.

(3) A United Kingdom national who applied for a certificate of temporary residence in the territory of the Czech Republic (*potvrzení o přechodném pobytu*) prior to effective date of this Act, and whose certificate of temporary residence in the Czech Republic was issued after the effective date of this Act shall be authorised to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic.

(4) The Ministry of the Interior shall cancel temporary residence (*přechodný pobyt*) of a United Kingdom national in the territory of the Czech Republic granted as per sections 1-3 above for reasons specified in Section 87d (2) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic. Provisions of Section 87d (3) and (4) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 3

Temporary residence of a family member of a United Kingdom national in the territory of the Czech Republic

(1) A family member of a United Kingdom national shall be a person who in relation to the United Kingdom national satisfies the conditions specified in Section 15a of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic on the effective date of this Act.

(2) A family member of a United Kingdom national who received a certificate of temporary residence in the Czech Republic (*potvrzení o přechodném pobytu*) prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose temporary residence in the Czech Republic was not cancelled or did not expire prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be authorized to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic.

(3) A family member of a United Kingdom national who applied for a temporary residence permit (*povolení k přechodnému pobytu*) in the territory of the Czech Republic prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose application was not finally decided prior to the effective date of the Act, shall be authorized – provided that the conditions specified in the Section 87y of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic are satisfied – to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic until the decision on the application becomes final. Section 47 (11) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to confirm validity of their stay.

(4) A family member of a United Kingdom national who applied for their temporary residence permit (*povolení k přechodnému pobytu*) in the territory of the Czech Republic prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose temporary residence permit was issued after the effective date of this act, shall be authorized to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic.

(5) The Ministry of the Interior shall cancel temporary residence (*přechodný pobyt*) of a family member of a United Kingdom national in the territory of the Czech Republic as per sections 2-4 above for reasons specified in Section 87f (1) or (3) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic. Provisions of Section 87f (2) and (4) to (6) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 4

Application for the Residence Permit in the Territory of the Czech Republic

(1) A United Kingdom national legally residing in the territory of the Czech Republic on the effective date of this Act shall be entitled to apply for a long-term residence permit (*dlouhodobý pobyt*) while in the Czech Republic in accordance with the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic.

(2) A United Kingdom national residing in the territory of the Czech Republic continuously for the period of 5 years shall be entitled to apply for a permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) while in the Czech Republic according to the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic.

(3) A family member of a United Kingdom national as per Paragraph 1 is entitled to apply for a long-term residence permit (*povolení k dlouhodobému pobytu*) while in the Czech Republic in accordance with the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic.

(4) While temporarily residing in the territory of the Czech Republic, a family member of a United Kingdom national as per Paragraph 1 or 2 shall be entitled to apply for a permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) according to the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic, provided that they have resided in the territory of the Czech Republic continuously for a period of 5 years.

(5) For the permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) purposes, the period of continuous residence in the territory of the Czech Republic pursuant to Paragraph 2 or 4 shall include the periods of temporary residence (*přechodný pobyt*) pursuant to Section 18 (c), Section 87a and Section 87b of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic. Sections 87g (7)-(9) and Section 87h (3) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to evaluate the requirement of continuous residence in the territory of the Czech Republic as per Paragraph 2 or 4 prior to the effective date of this Act.

(6) Should a person's application for the long-term residence permit (*povolení k dlouhodobému pobytu*) or permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) filed pursuant to Paragraphs 1 to 4 not be finally decided by the date when this Act expires, the person shall be authorized to temporarily reside in the territory of the Czech Republic until the application is finally decided. Section 47 (11) of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to confirm validity of their stay.

(7) Section 42 (1) and Section 46 (1) clause 2 of the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall not apply in case the application for a long-term residence permit (*povolení k dlouhodobému pobytu*) is filed pursuant to Paragraph 1 or 3 above.

(8) A document confirming required knowledge of the language pursuant to the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic shall not be required to apply for the permanent residence permit pursuant to Paragraph 2 or 4 above.

PART THREE
**OBTAINING THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
BY A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL**

Section 5

A United Kingdom national who applied for the citizenship of the Czech Republic prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose application was not finally decided by the effective date of this Act, shall be considered a citizen of the European Union for the purposes of evaluating the requirement of the permanent residence in the Czech Republic.

PART FOUR
**A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL GETTING A MARRIAGE OR FORMING
REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP, AND MARRIED NAME DECLARATION**

Section 6

A United Kingdom national getting a marriage or forming registered partnership

The requirement to submit a certificate of residence in the Czech Republic (*potvrzení o oprávněnosti pobytu*) shall not apply to a United Kingdom national, who prior to the effective date of this Act submitted – as a fiancé or a person wishing to form a registered partnership – a form pursuant to the Act on Offices of Vital Records, Names and Surnames to an Office of Vital Records.

Section 7

Married name declaration by a United Kingdom national

The law or tradition of the United Kingdom shall be considered the law or tradition of another member state of the European Union for the purposes of stating the name, names or surname in Vital Records by declaration made by a United Kingdom national in accordance with the Act on Offices of Vital Records, Names and Surnames.

PART FIVE
**ACCESS OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF A
UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL TO THE LABOUR MARKET AND ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Section 8

**Access of a United Kingdom national or a family member
of a United Kingdom national to the labour market**

Employment permit (*povolení k zaměstnání*), employee card (*zaměstnanecká karta*), card of internally transferred employee (*karta vnitropodnikově převedeného zaměstnance*) or blue card (*modrá karta*) shall not be required for the employment of a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national, whose employment based on a basic labour-law relationship formed pursuant to the Labour Code started prior to the effective date of this Act.

Unemployment benefits

Section 9

The period of insurance, employment or self-employment according to the Regulation (EC) no. 883/2004 on the Coordination of Social Systems, as amended, aggregated in the United Kingdom by the effective date of this Act shall be considered previous employment in order to satisfy the requirement stipulated in Section 39 (1) (a) of the Employment Act.

Section 10

Unemployment benefits granted to a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national prior to the effective date of this Act shall be provided to the United Kingdom, if a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national requested the unemployment benefits to be provided to the United Kingdom in accordance with Article 64 of the Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Coordination of Social Security Systems.

PART SIX

PROVISION OF CERTAIN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND CARER'S BENEFIT TO A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL

Section 11

(1) If a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national was eligible for a parental leave contribution (*rodičovský příspěvek*) prior to the effective date of this Act, the entitlement shall continue to exist, however, only for a period until the entire amount of the parental contribution (*rodičovský příspěvek*) for caring of the same youngest child in the family is paid out.

(2) The entitlement of a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national for a child benefit (*přídavek na dítě*) and carer's benefit (*příspěvek na péči*) existing prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue, however, only until this Act expires.

(3) Upon beneficiary's request, the benefits provided pursuant to Paragraph 1 and 2 shall be exported to the United Kingdom, to a bank account specified by the beneficiary.

PART SEVEN

INCOME TAX IN RELATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 12

(1) An income tax payer, who is a tax resident of the United Kingdom, shall be considered a tax resident of the European Union for the purposes of taxation for the tax period, in which this Act came into force; however, this shall not apply to the withholding tax subject to a special tax rate and to tax payment guarantees.

(2) For the purposes of taxation of an income tax payer who is not a tax resident of the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom shall be considered a member state of the European Union until the end of the tax period, in which this Act shall expire.

PART EIGHT BUILDING SAVINGS OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL

Section 13

A United Kingdom national who participated in a building savings scheme on the effective date of this Act, shall be considered a citizen of the European Union for the purposes of the Building Savings and State Support of Building Savings Act.

PART NINE

PENSION SCHEMES WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STATE AND SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION SAVINGS OF PERSONS RESIDING IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 14

Pension scheme of a person residing in the territory of the United Kingdom

A person, whose place of residence was in the territory of the United Kingdom on the effective date of this Act, shall be considered a person with a place of residence in the territory of another member state of the European Union for the purposes of participation in a pension scheme with contributions from the state.

Section 15

Supplementary pension savings of a person residing in the territory of the United Kingdom

(1) For the purposes of a state contribution according to the Act on Supplementary Pension Savings, person participating in a supplementary pension savings scheme on the effective date of this Act, who resides in the territory of the United Kingdom, shall be considered a participant in a supplementary pension savings scheme whose place of residence is in the territory of another member state of the European Union.

(2) The United Kingdom shall be considered a member state of the European Union for the purposes of registering the name of a member state of the European Union in the information system of the supplementary pension savings scheme, filing applications for the state contribution and returning of the state contribution.

PART TEN PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS IN BRITISH POUND STERLING AND PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS USING PAYMENT SERVICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 16

(1) A payment transaction performed in British pound sterling, a payment order for which was accepted prior to the effective date of this Act, and that is to be executed by a payment services provider of a payer pursuant to the Act on Payments on the effective date of this Act or later, shall be considered – for the purposes of determining the time limit for the execution of the payment transaction – a payment transaction performed in a currency that is neither a currency of a member state of the European Union, nor of a state that is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

(2) A payment transaction, a payment order for which was accepted prior to the effective date of this Act, and that is to be executed by a payment services provider of a payer pursuant to the Act on Payments on the effective date of this Act or later, and for which a provider of payment services of a recipient provides a payment service in the United Kingdom, shall be considered – for the purposes of determining the time limit for the execution of the payment transaction – a payment transaction for which the provider of payment services of a recipient provides a payment service in a country that is neither a member state of the European Union, nor a state that is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

PART ELEVEN
RECOGNIZING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL OR OF A FAMILY MEMBER
OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL

Section 17

(1) A United Kingdom national who filed an application for their professional qualifications to be recognized pursuant to the Act on Recognizing Professional Qualifications prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose application was not finally decided by the effective date of this Act, shall be considered a citizen of the European Union for the purposes of the process.

(2) A family member of a United Kingdom national who filed an application for their professional qualifications to be recognized pursuant to the Act on Recognizing Professional Qualifications prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose application was not finally decided by the effective date of this Act, shall be considered a citizen of the European Union for the purposes of the process.

PART TWELVE
RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIALIZED
QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONS AND FOR PERFORMING
ACTIVITIES RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE OBTAINED IN THE TERRITORY
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 18

Recognition of professional qualifications for the medical professions of doctor, dentist
and pharmacist obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom

For the purpose of recognition of professional qualifications for the medical professions of doctor, dentist and pharmacist in accordance with the Act on the Conditions of

Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist, the professional qualifications of a doctor, dentist and pharmacist obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom by 31st December 2020 – provided that the content and scope of education correspond to the requirements determined pursuant to the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist – shall be considered professional qualifications obtained in another member state of the European Union.

Section 19

Recognition of specialized qualifications for the medical professions of doctor, dentist and pharmacist obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom

For the purpose of recognition of professional qualifications for the medical profession of doctor, dentist and pharmacist in accordance with the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist, the specialized qualifications of a doctor, dentist and pharmacist obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom by 31st December 2020 – provided that the content and scope of education correspond to the requirements determined pursuant to the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist – shall be considered specialized qualifications obtained in another member state of the European Union.

Section 20

Recognition of professional qualifications for paramedical professions and for activities related to the provision of healthcare obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom

For the purpose of recognition of professional qualifications for paramedical professions and for activities related to the provision of healthcare pursuant to the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Qualifications for Non-medical Professions, professional qualifications obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom by 31st December 2020 – provided that the content and scope of education correspond to the requirements determined pursuant to the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Qualifications for Non-medical Professions – shall be considered professional qualifications obtained in another member state of the European Union.

Section 21

Recognition of specialized qualifications for paramedical professions obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom

For the purpose of recognition of professional qualifications for paramedical professions pursuant to the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Qualifications for Non-medical Professions, specialized qualifications obtained in the territory of the United Kingdom by 31st December 2020 – provided that the content and scope of education correspond to the defined curriculum for a particular discipline applicable at the time when the qualification is being assessed to be recognized – shall be considered specialized qualifications obtained in another member state of the European Union.

PART THIRTEEN
PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES BY A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL

Section 22

A United Kingdom national registered on the list of European Lawyers on the effective date of this Act shall be considered a citizen of the European Union for the purposes of evaluation of the requirement set out in the Section 2 (1) (b) of the Act on the Legal Profession. The United Kingdom shall be considered a member state of the European Union for the purposes of evaluating whether a United Kingdom national satisfies the requirements set out in the first sentence.

PART FOURTEEN
PROVISION OF TAX CONSULTANCY SERVICES BY A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL OR BY A FAMILY MEMBER OF A UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL

Section 23

(1) A United Kingdom national authorized to provide tax consultancy services in the territory of the Czech Republic as an established tax adviser or visiting tax adviser on the effective date of this Act shall be considered a citizen of the European Union for the purposes of the Act on Tax Advisory Services and Chamber of Tax Advisers.

(2) A family member of a United Kingdom national authorized to provide tax consultancy services in the territory of the Czech Republic as an established tax adviser or visiting tax adviser on the effective date of this Act shall be considered a family member of a United Kingdom national for the purposes of the Act on Tax Advisory Services and Chamber of Tax Advisers.

(3) The Chamber of Tax Advisers of the Czech Republic shall delete a person as per Paragraph 1 or 2 above from the list of tax advisers or the list of visiting tax advisers on the day immediately following the day on which this Act shall expire.

PART FIFTEEN
PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES LICENSED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 24

(1) A provider of financial services providing financial services licensed in the United Kingdom in the territory of the Czech Republic prior to the effective date of this Act shall retain their right to perform activities necessary to settle their claims and debts from such provided financial services in the Czech Republic.

(2) While performing their activities pursuant to the Paragraph 1, a provider of financial services as per Paragraph 1 shall be considered a financial services provider having their registered office in a member state of the European Union doing business in the territory of the Czech Republic in accordance with the laws regulating provision of financial services.

(3) The Czech National Bank supervises financial services providers compliance with the duties described in the Paragraph 1 when they perform activities pursuant to the Paragraph 1; provisions relating to the Czech National Bank's supervision over providers of financial services with the registered office in the Czech Republic and their compliance with the duties

imposed on them shall apply mutatis mutandis, including the provisions regulating corrective measures.

(4) A financial services provider as per Paragraph 1 shall be guilty of infraction, if the infraction consisting in a violation of a duty imposed on the provider of financial services with a registered address in the Czech Republic was a result of activities of the financial services provider pursuant to the Paragraph 1.

PART SIXTEEN

PROVIDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY A FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR BY ITS CZECH BRANCH

Section 25

(1) A foreign higher education institution established in the territory of the United Kingdom authorized, on the effective date of this Act, to provide foreign higher education by means of a higher education study programme pursuant to the laws of the United Kingdom shall be considered a European higher education institution pursuant to the Higher Education Act for the period of 7 months following the effective date of this Act.

(2) A Czech legal entity authorized, on the effective date of this Act, to provide foreign higher education in the territory of the Czech Republic by means of a foreign higher education programme of a foreign higher education institution established in the territory of the United Kingdom carried out pursuant to the laws of the United Kingdom shall be considered a European higher education institution pursuant to the Higher Education Act for the period of 7 months following the effective date of this Act.

PART SEVENTEEN

TREATMENT OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED OR RELEASED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 26

Medicinal products registered in the Czech Republic on the effective date of this Act that were manufactured or released for sale in the United Kingdom, or evaluated medicinal products manufactured or released for clinical testing in the United Kingdom that is permitted in the Czech Republic on the effective date of this Act, shall be considered medicinal products from another state of the European Union for the purposes of the Act on Pharmaceuticals.

PART EIGHTEEN

PUBLIC MONEY COLLECTION ORGANIZED BY A LEGAL ENTITY WITH A REGISTERED OFFICE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section 27

A legal entity with a registered office in the territory of the United Kingdom may, under the conditions set out in the Act on Public Money Collections, organize a public money collection, provided that the collection was announced prior to the effective date of this Act.

PART NINETEEN
POSITION OF A PERSON WITH A REGISTERED OFFICE IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM IN MATTERS RELATING TO GAMBLING

Section 28

(1) A gambling operator, whose basic license pursuant to the Act on Gambling was issued prior to the effective date of this Act and whose registered office is in the territory of the United Kingdom, shall be considered a person with a registered office in another member state of the European Union for the purposes of the Act on Gambling.

(2) A gambling operator, who notified authorities about a game of chance pursuant to the Act on Gambling prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose registered office is in the territory of the United Kingdom, shall be considered a person with a registered office in another member state of the European Union for the purposes of the Act on Gambling.

(3) A person, who was granted an authorization for professional assessment and certification pursuant to the Act on Gambling prior to the effective date of this Act, and whose registered office is in the territory of the United Kingdom, shall be considered a person with a registered office in another member state of the European union for the purposes of the Act on Gambling.

PART TWENTY
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 29

(1) A United Kingdom national shall be considered a citizen of the European Union, a family member of a United Kingdom national shall be considered a family member of a citizen of the European Union, a legal person or another legal arrangement with a registered office in the territory of the United Kingdom shall be considered a legal person or another legal arrangement with a registered office in the European Union and the United Kingdom shall be considered a member state of the European Union, if they are a party to proceedings launched prior to the effective date of this Act that have not been made final and conclusive by the said date, if the proceedings

a) are carried out pursuant to the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic,

b) concern unemployment benefits, pursuant to the Employment Act,

c) concern recognition of professional qualifications for the medical professions of doctor, dentist and pharmacist in accordance with Part 7 of the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Professional Qualifications and Specialized Qualifications for the Medical Profession of Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist,

d) concern recognition of professional qualifications of a paramedical professional or another professional pursuant to Part One, Title VII of the Act on the Conditions of Obtaining and Recognizing Qualifications for Non-medical Professions,

e) concern registration on the list of lawyers pursuant to Section 5b or 5c of the Act on the Legal Profession, or on the list of European lawyers,

f) concern the possibility of providing tax consultancy services as an established tax adviser or registration on the list of visiting tax advisers in accordance with the Act on Tax Advisory Services and Chamber of Tax Advisers of the Czech Republic, or

g) were launched upon request in accordance with the Act on Gambling.

(2) After the effective date of this Act, the temporary residence permit (*povolení k přechodnému pobytu*) pursuant to Section 87b of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act, shall be issued to a family member of a United Kingdom national by the Ministry of the Interior in the form of a residence card for a foreign national (*průkaz o povolení k pobytu pro cizince*); such issued cards shall be valid until 31st December 2020.

(3) Residence cards issued prior to the effective date of this Act to a family member of a United Kingdom national shall be valid until the date of expiry shown on the card, however not later than 31st December 2020.

(4) Permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) issued according to Part One, Title IVa of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act, to a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national prior to the effective date of this Act shall be considered a permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) issued pursuant to Part One, Title IV of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act.

(5) A United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national who is a holder of a permanent residence card (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) issued prior to the effective date of this Act pursuant to Section 87r of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act, shall be obliged to request the Ministry of the Interior to replace this card by a residence card for a foreigner national with permitted permanent residence (*průkaz o povolení k pobytu cizince s povoleným trvalým pobytem*) before validity of the card expires. The application as per the first sentence shall be considered an application for extension of validity of a residence permit (*povolení k pobytu*) pursuant to Section 117d of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act.

(6) If a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national applied for a permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) pursuant to Part One, Title IVa of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act, prior to the effective date of this Act, and there was no final decision on such application by that date, provided that the application is approved, the Ministry of the Interior shall issue a decision to grant a permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) and a residence card for a foreigner national with permitted permanent residence (*průkaz o povolení k pobytu cizince s povoleným trvalým pobytem*). The permanent residence permit (*povolení k trvalému pobytu*) in the first sentence shall be considered a permanent residence permit issued pursuant to the Part One, Title IV of the Act 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act.

(7) In order to apply for the residence cards (*povolení k pobytu*) as per Paragraphs 2, 5 or 6, a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national shall be obliged to visit the Ministry of the Interior to have their biometric data collected and processed pursuant to Section 74 (2) (b) of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the

effective date of this Act; Section 117a of the Act no. 326/1999 Coll., as amended on the effective date of this Act, shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(8) The Section 10 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the provision of unemployment benefits granted to a United Kingdom national or a family member of a United Kingdom national pursuant to Paragraph 1(b) above.

PART TWENTY-ONE EFFECT

Section 30

(1) This Act shall become effective on the date when the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union cease to apply to the United Kingdom, unless an agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union pursuant to Article 50 (2) of the Treaty on European Union becomes valid at the same time.

(2) This Act shall expire on the date when an agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union pursuant to Article 50 (2) of the Treaty on European Union comes to force. Should the agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union pursuant to Article 50 (2) of the Treaty on European Union not come to force by 31st December 2020, this Act, except Section 4 (6), Section 9, Section 12 (2), Sections 18 to 21 and Section 23 (3), shall expire on 31st December 2020.

(3) The Ministry of the Interior shall publish a notification concerning the date, on which the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of European Union cease to be applicable to the United Kingdom as well as the effective date of the agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union pursuant to Article 50 (2) of the Treaty on European Union, in the Collection of Laws.