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MINISTRY: LABOUR RIGHTS DOMESTIC HELP

The authorities are advising Dutch people who have domestic help to make a contract describing the mutual obligations and rights. Thus, an employer is to pay minimum wages, entitle the help to holidays and continue paying wages for six weeks if the help is ill.

Information and the model contract can be found on www.rijksoverheid.nl/hulpinhuis (Dutch only).

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Dutch Administrative High Court: no social assistance standard for illegal partner

The Dutch Administrative High Court rules that a woman who is living with a partner who has no residence permit is only entitled to social assistance for herself and her children. On the basis of the Work and Assistance law (WWB), the partner is not entitled to social assistance. Read more [here](#) (Dutch only).

Civil registrars: marriage in NL is only marriage of convenience if residence in NL is purpose

As from 1 September, the aliens police is no longer involved in marriages with a foreigner. The civil registrar has to decide whether the couple marries for the sake of convenience. According to Dutch law, that is only the case if the purpose is residence in the Netherlands. If the couple aims to live abroad, it is not a marriage of convenience. Read more [here](#) (Dutch only).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: Ethiopians from Ogaden at risk, official country report requested

According to the Council of State, it is unclear how much risk Ethiopians from the Ogaden run upon their return. That's why they are not to be sent back. The state secretary has promised to inquire into the local situation. Read more [here](#) (Dutch only).

Council of State: single mothers from Morocco, China, and Egypt denied residence permits in spite of long-term residence

In three individual verdicts, the Council of State has confirmed that long-term residence by a single mother with children does not result in right of residence.

The Moroccan woman appeals to the non-acceptance of single mothers in her home country and to honour-based violence. According to NL the situation has improved (RvS 201502488/1/V1, 19.10.15)

The Egyptian woman has lived in NL for fifteen years and came here with two 7 and 11 year-olds who grew up here. One child is autistic. They have a Dutch grandmother who is ill. According to NL, informal care is available both in NL and in Egypt. Read more [here](#) (Dutch only).

The Chinese woman has live in NL for ten years and has an 8-year-old son. According to NL, that is not long enough to be rooted. Read more [here](#) (Dutch only).

3. CHECK AND DETENTION

Ministry Social Affairs and Labour: fines illegal labour adjusted following verdict Council of State

Some weeks ago, the Council of State decided that 12-thousand-euro fines for illegal labour are too high if the employer is fined for the first time. The same applies for 6 thousand euros for private individuals. First offenders are now fined 8 and 4 thousand euros respectively. Read more [here](#) (Dutch only).

Detention centre Rotterdam no longer for alien detention

Last week, the aliens from Rotterdam Detention centre were transferred to Zeist. The detainees from Alphen aan den Rijn were transferred to Rotterdam, so that Alphen now has room to receive new asylum seekers.

4. ACTIVITIES

Remembrance deceased at European external borders, 1 November Hermitage Amsterdam

On Halloween, we remember the countless unknown people who have died along the European external borders, due to our systematically evading the distress caused by more severe border patrols.

Info: www.schipholwakes.nl

Symposium Human rights in the street – One year after ECSR verdict, 16 Nov 14.30 hrs A'dam

One year ago, the verdict of the European Committee of Social Rights was published, which decided that NL may not throw asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies into the streets. This symposium focusses on the current state of affairs. Speakers include Eduard Nazarski (Amnesty International), Jelle Klaas (Fischer Advocaten) and John van Tilborg (INLIA/ LOGO gemeenten).

Location: Amnesty International, Keizergracht 177 A'dam, Apply: j.dejonge@amnesty.nl

Report : Destitute and asylum-seeking women in the West Midlands, Sarah Taal

This report described the living conditions of undocumented women in Birmingham, England

To access the report [CLICK HERE](#)