On activity of Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation in the field of migration statistics production

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In the recent years data derived from administrative sources have gained a significant role in the light of observation process. Without exaggeration the most important are resources of the Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation. FMS registers, accumulates and processes up-to-date data on the number and composition of foreigners, that came to Russia and remain on its territory; takes into account the change of their status, issuance of special documents to them (permission for work, residence permit) including obtaining of Russian citizenship. Another function of FMS is registration of Russian citizens, intraregional and interregional movement of population etc.

Diversity and amount of work performed by FMS employees on accounting of migrants and various administrative procedures related to migration are extremely significant. By a number of accounting types the scope is represented in thousands of units a year.

In its work FMS uses relevant normative basis in accordance with Statute of the Federal Migration Service approved by the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of July 13th, 2012 №711. The Service has the competence to conduct federal state statistical surveys in the established sphere of activity in accordance with official statistical methodology; to provide suggestions on improvement of surveys in the established order.

FMS also conducts work on its own management reporting in all directions of its activity. Since 2007 we introduced performance reports using the form 1-RD that is widely used by researches and experts not only in Russia but also abroad. Since 2010 the form 2-RD was introduced. The main indicators of activity in this form are represented by home-countries of migrants and constituents of the Russian Federation.

In the recent years the Service has been actively developing information technologies. Since 2004 until present the Service has been using the newly created State information system of migration accounting that combines various information resources. They allow performing its work on the modern level and performing migration accounting of the foreigners and persons without citizenship as well as receiving on permanent basis of current statistical data.

Federal Migration Service actively cooperates with executive authorities of the Russian Federation and partner-countries on the subject of migration exchange, as well as with a wide range of scientists, experts, mass media representatives etc. FMS provides to the concerned parties aggregated reports on various types of migration mobility and on categories of mobile population.