



Global Immigration alert

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Chile

Flights from Chile to Venezuela suspended

Executive summary

All commercial flights from Chile to Venezuela were indefinitely suspended after the Venezuelan authorities suspended flights to Chile.

Background

Relations between Chile (among other countries) and Venezuela were impacted after Chilean leaders refused to recognize the Venezuelan presidential election results issued by Venezuela's National Electoral Council. Consequently, on 29 July 2024, the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs [ordered](#) diplomatic representatives from Chile and other countries to leave the country and recalled Venezuelan diplomatic personnel posted in Chile. On 25 September 2024, the Venezuelan authorities suspended flights to Chile.

Key developments

On 27 September 2024, all commercial flights from Chile to Venezuela were indefinitely suspended. This comes a few months after Chile began allowing Venezuelan nationals to leave the country using expired travel documents, regardless of their immigration status in the country. Currently, the Chilean authorities are also debating a bill that proposes restricting the entry of most Venezuelan nationals for six months. This bill, which has not yet been passed by parliament, will not impact Venezuelan citizens residing in Chile, or those transiting through the country.

Amid this rapidly evolving situation, the authorities may issue further updates at short notice.

Impact on employers

The current situation may adversely impact business travel between Chile and Venezuela. Chilean companies may stay updated with the ongoing developments and plan impacted employees' business trips in advance to mitigate business disruptions.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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