



## SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

AQUISIÇÃO DE NACIONALIDADE POR INVESTIMENTO  
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

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To: Licensed Marketing Agents

### OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM: Legislative and Operational Updates - Citizenship by Investment Program

Dear Partners,

We trust you are well.

We would like to share the following important legislative and operational updates regarding the Citizenship by Investment Program of São Tomé and Príncipe. We also take this opportunity to apologize for any inconvenience caused and to clarify the reasons for the recent delays.

#### 1. Remote Issuance of Passports

Until yesterday, the issuance of the National ID, and subsequently the passport, required in-person biometric enrollment, including fingerprint and signature capture. This had to be completed either in São Tomé and Príncipe or at designated embassies in Lisbon or Brussels.

A legislative amendment has now been approved allowing for the remote issuance of the National ID. Applicants will be required to complete a short video verification with the Civil Registry & Notary Office. The CIU will assist with coordination and provide detailed guidance in the coming days.

#### 2. Temporary Suspension of Application from Individuals Holding Three Nationalities Or More

As per the current provisions of the São Tomé and Príncipe Nationality Law No. 07/2022, the granting of São Toméan nationality is not permitted for individuals holding three foreign nationalities or more. While an amendment to this provision was initially expected, the Parliament has not yet finalized the required legislative changes. The amendment is now expected to be addressed by parliament.

Effective immediately, acceptance of new applications from individuals holding three foreign passports or more will be placed on hold. Further updates will be communicated as soon as there is legislative clarity.

#### 3. Dependency Law for Adult Children Above 18 Years of Age

A revised dependency framework is currently being finalized and is expected to be released shortly. This update will introduce clearer provisions governing the inclusion of adult dependent children (above 18 years) within Citizenship by Investment applications. For now, the passport issuance remains on hold.

Detailed guidelines will be shared once the law is formally issued.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding as we work to align operational procedures with evolving legal and regulatory frameworks. These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening the program's integrity.

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the CIU.

Respectfully,

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