中华人民共和国境内外国人宗教活动管理规定

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第一条 第一条为了保障中华人民共和国境内外国人的宗教信仰自由,维护社会公 共利益,根据宪法,制定本规定。

第二条 第二条中华人民共和国尊重在中国境内的外国人的宗教信仰自由,保护外国人在宗教方面同中国宗教界进行的友好往来和文化学术交流活动。

第三条 外国人可以在中国境内的寺院、宫观、清真寺、教堂等宗教活动场所参加 宗教活动。经省、自治区、直辖市以上宗教团体的邀请,外国人可以在中国宗教活动场所 讲经、讲道。

第四条 第四条外国人可以在县级以上人民政府宗教事务部门认可的场所举行外国 人参加的宗教活动。

第五条 第五条外国人在中国境内,可以邀请中国宗教教职人员为其举行洗礼、婚礼、葬礼和道场法会等宗教仪式。

第六条 外国人进入中国国境,可以携带本人自用的宗教印刷品、宗教音像制品和 其他宗教用品;携带超出本人自用的宗教印刷品、宗教音像制品和其他宗教用品入境,按 照中国海关的有关规定办理。

禁止携带有危害中国社会公共利益内容的宗教印刷品和宗教音像制品入境。

第七条 第七条外国人在中国境内招收为培养宗教教职人员的留学人员或者到中国 宗教院校留学和讲学,按照中国的有关规定办理。

第八条 外国人在中国境内进行宗教活动,应当遵守中国的法律、法规,不得在中国境内成立宗教组织、设立宗教办事机构、设立宗教活动场所或者开办宗教院校,不得在中国公民中发展教徒、委任宗教教职人员和进行其他传教活动。

第九条 外国人违反本规定进行宗教活动的,县级以上人民政府宗教事务部门和其他有关部门应当予以劝阻、制止;构成违反外国人入境出境管理行为或者治安管理行为的,由公安机关依法进行处罚;构成犯罪的,由司法机关依法追究刑事责任。

第十条 外国组织在中华人民共和国境内的宗教活动适用本规定。

第十一条 侨居国外的中国公民在中国境内,台湾居民在大陆,香港、澳门居民在 内地进行宗教活动,参照本规定执行。

第十二条 本规定由国务院宗教事务部门负责解释。

第十三条 本规定自发布之日起施行。

Provisions on the Administration of Religious Activities of Foreigners within the Territory of the People's Republic of China

(Decree of the State Council of the People's Republic of China No. 144)

Article 1 These Provisions are formulated in accordance with the Constitution in order to ensure the freedom of religious belief of foreigners within the territory of the People's Republic of China and to maintain the public interests of the society.

Article 2 The People's Republic of China respects the freedom of religious belief of foreigners within Chinese territory and protects friendly contacts and cultural and academic exchanges of foreigners with Chinese religious circles in respect of religion.

Article 3 Foreigners may participate in religious activities at Buddhist monasteries, Taoist temples, mosques, churches and other sites for religious activities within Chinese territory. Foreigners may preach and expound the scripture at Chinese sites for religious activities at the invitation of Chinese religious bodies at or above the level of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government.

Article 4 Foreigners may hold religious activities attended by foreigners at the sites for religious activities approved by the department of religious affairs of the people's government at or above the county level.

Article 5 Foreigners within Chinese territory may invite Chinese religious personnel to conduct such religious ceremonies as baptism, weddings, funerals, Taoist and Buddhist rites.

Article 6 Foreigners entering Chinese territory may carry religious printed matter, religious audio-visual products and other religious articles for personal use; if the amount of such religious printed matters, religious audio-visual products and other religious articles is greater than for personal use, it shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Chinese Customs.

Religious printed matter of religious audio-visual products whose contents are detrimental to the public interests of Chinese society are forbidden to bring into Chinese territory.

Article 7 Foreigners within Chinese territory shall recruit the persons to study abroad to be trained as religious personnel, or come to study or teach at Chinese religious institutions in accordance with the relevant provisions of China.

Article 8 Foreigners who conduct religious activities within Chinese territory shall abide by Chinese laws and regulations, shall not establish religious organizations, set up religious offices, sites for religious activities or run religious institutions within Chinese territory, nor may they develop followers, appoint religious personnel or engage in other missionary activities.

Article 9 Where foreigners conduct religious activities that violate these Provisions, the departments of religious affairs and other related departments of the people's government at or above the county level shall dissuade or stop them; where those activities violate the control of the entry and exit of foreigners or administration of public security, the public security organs shall punish them in accordance with the law; where a crime is constituted, they shall be investigated for their criminal responsibility by the judicial organs.

Article 10 These Provisions are applicable to religious activities of foreign bodies within Chinese territory.

Article 11 Chinese citizens residing abroad within Chinese territory, Taiwan residents on the Mainland, the residents of Hong Kong and Macao in the inland shall conduct religious activities with reference to these Provisions.

Article 12 The department of religious affairs of the State Council shall be responsible for the interpretation of these Provisions.

Article 13 These Provisions shall enter into force as of the day of promulgation.