The CGRS announces the entry into force of important legislative changes

Amendments to the Royal Decree on the workings of and procedures at the CGRS and to the Aliens Act entered into force on 4 August.

The amendments include:

- The period within which and applicant may provide a reason for being absent at a personal interview is reduced from 15 to 8 days.
- An application from a person who had already received a final decision on an asylum application in another EU Member State is now considered and regisetered as a subsequent application for international protection.

The CGRS took this occasion to highlight the importance that applicants keep the authority informed of the address where they are officially residing.

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