THE MIGRATION DEPARTMENT
IN REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA'S MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

DECISION
REGARDING GRANTAS ARTHURAS GOCHINAS'S (GRANT ARTHUR GOCHIN'S) RETENTION OF THE RIGHT TO REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA CITIZENSHIP

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The Migration Department in the Ministry of Internal Affairs considered Grantas Arthuras Gochinas's (Grant Arthur Gochin's) request and documents for the retention of the right to Republic of Lithuania citizenship.

Grantas Arthuras Gochinas (Grant Arthur Gochin) was born on November 2, 1963 in Port Elisabeth, the Republic of South Africa. The individual lives in the United States of America. G. A. Gochinas is a citizen of the United States of America and of the Republic of South Africa - this is respectively confirmed by the United States of America citizen's passport Nr. 038735574, issued on February 10, 2004 by the Los Angeles passport agency, and the Republic of South Africa passport Nr. 403263718, issued on February 11, 1997 by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (this passport expired on February 10, 2007).

On August 8, 2011, the Migration Department in the Ministry of Internal Affairs received Lithuania's Supreme Administrative Court's decision of July 21, 2011, by which it was decided to uphold G. A. Gochinas's appeal in part, to annul the Vilnius Regional Administrative Court's decision of September 23, 2010 and to make a new decision: to uphold G. A. Gochin's appeal and annul the Ministry of Internal Affairs Migration Department's decision Nr. (15/3-11) 8P-179 of January 21, 2010 and to oblige the Migration Department in the Ministry of Internal Affairs to consider anew G. A. Gochinas's request for the retention of the right to Republic of Lithuania citizenship. In this decision of Lithuania's Supreme Administrative Court on July 21, 2011 is supposed the conclusion that Samuilis (Samelis) Gochinas was born on February 15, 1902, and the judicial panel made the conclusion that the plausible conclusion is that the declarant is Samuilis (Samuelis) Gochinas's grandchild. Furthermore, in the Šiauliai city and district head's passport division's file Nr. 37 "Information about internal passports issued by the Papilė parish board" it is recorded that on November 5, 1924, passport Nr. 767121 was issued to Samuilas Gochinas.

Based on article 45 part 5 of the Republic of Lithuania's citizenship law (Bulletin, 2010, Nr. 144-7361) , article 7 part 1 paragraph 1, article 22 part 4, article 24 part 4, and article 28 part 1 of the Republic of Lithuania's citizenship law (Bulletin, 2002, Nr. 95-4087; 2008, Nr. 83-3293), paragraph 1.1.1 of the Republic of Lithuania's Internal Affairs Ministry's decree Nr. 1V-377 of May 16, 2011, "On granting authority" (Bulletin, 2011, Nr. 61-2920) and taking into account Lithuania's Supreme Administrative Court's decision of July 21, 2011 and the documents provided,

I d e c i d e that:

1. Grantas Arthuras Gochinas (Grant Arthur Gochin), born on November 2, 1963, in Port Elisabeth, the Republic of South Africa, retains the right to Republic of Lithuania citizenship as a grandchild, living in another state, of an individual who had Lithuanian citizenship prior to June 15, 1940.
2. G.A.Gochinas is to be informed of the decision made.

This decision may be appealed as prescribed by law to the Administrative dispute commission or to the Administrative court.

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The Migration Department in the Republic of Lithuania's Ministry of Internal Affairs