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Immigration Buzz of the Month



I-9 Changes Coming...HR Professionals will need to make note of the date February 2, 2009. In an effort to streamline the I-9 employment eligibility verification process, USCIS has revised the I-9 form and list of acceptable documents. [Read](#)

Greetings!

I'd like to wish you a Happy New Year! As 2009 gets rolling, make sure you're prepared to keep up with the immigration changes that the new administration will likely implement. It's important to be aware of and incorporate changes as the year progresses, because playing catch-up can be devastating, not only to individuals but also to your company.

On that point, make sure to take note of this months articles as they discuss updates in I-9 requirements as well as significant changes in travel procedures for certain foreign nationals.

No License, No Service

As an HR professional, how many times have employees asked you for assistance in renewing a driver's license? Believe it or not, this question comes up often with foreign workers in the U.S.

So what should you do to assist your employees? [Read more...](#)

I-9 Compliance More Important Than Ever!

In case you had any doubt, it's time to get your I-9 compliance in order. The government is cracking down on illegal aliens employed in the U.S. And they are cracking down hard on the businesses that keep them employed.

The enforcement is real! [Read more...](#)

Attention All Green Card Holders!

The Department of Homeland Security has approved new regulations expanding the scope of the US-VISIT program. Effective January 18, 2009, all permanent residents entering or exiting from an air or seaport in the U.S. will now be subject to providing 10 fingerprint

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scans, photographs and other biometric identifiers.

Make sure you protect your status. [Read more...](#)

Visa Waiver Anyone?

If you are from a country that participates in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and you plan to travel on a visa waiver, you will now need to plan ahead. No more jumping on a last minute flight to the U.S. The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) program is now mandatory. [Read more...](#)



Our goal with the SZE Newsletter is to keep you informed on a wide range of immigration related matters. We hope to better enable you to face the daily challenges immigration brings by providing information that is pertinent to both individuals and companies.

As always, thanks for your participation and keep the suggestions coming. This newsletter is for you, so we want to make sure that it contains the information you need!

Best regards,

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