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Immigration Law Update

Current Developments in Immigration

Greetings!

This is the latest installment in our efforts to keep you apprised of the rapidly changing U.S. immigration environment. Some of the most recent changes could have a serious impact on you or your employees, and we urge you to communicate these changes to interested parties.

U.S. Department of State Experiencing Technical Difficulties, Resulting in Visa Processing Delays

Visa applicants at U.S. Consulates across the world should expect delays in visa issuance due to technical difficulties at the U.S. Department of State (DOS) with its background check system. The delays result from a hardware failure that occurred on June 9th, which has prevented DOS from processing biometric data checks, a necessary component to the visa issuance process. Without the ability to screen visa applicants, the DOS is unable to issue visas for travel.

The DOS is working intensively to solve this problem. However, they do not anticipate fixing the problem before next week. These issues are likely to affect visa applicants who have applied anytime since June 9th, include those who are currently waiting to schedule an interview. The DOS is prioritizing urgent medical and other humanitarian cases, as well as temporary agricultural workers. The agency has assured individuals that once its hardware is fully operational, it will work as quickly as to clear the backlog of pending cases.

For more information, please refer to the DOS notice, found [here](#).

Rosner, Ortman, and Moss Partners, LLC is following this issue closely, and will advise clients on any updates or resolutions. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any immediate concerns.

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