



## MID-JULY 2018 IMMIGRATION UPDATE

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**[Supreme Court Upholds Latest Trump Entry Ban](#)** – On June 26, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld 5-4 the Trump administration's third travel ban order. The ban prevents the entry into the United States of certain nationals from specific countries, with some exceptions.

**[USCIS Updates Notice to Appear Policy Guidance to 'Support DHS Enforcement Priorities'](#)** – Under the new guidance, USCIS officers will now issue NTAs "for a wider range of cases where the individual is removable and there is evidence of fraud, criminal activity, or where an applicant is denied an immigration benefit and is unlawfully present in the United States."

**[DHS Issues Final Rule Eliminating Nonimmigrant Visa Exemption for Certain Caribbean Residents Coming to United States as H-2A Agricultural Workers](#)** – Effective August 6, 2018, DHS is eliminating the nonimmigrant visa exemption for certain Caribbean residents seeking to come to the United States as H-2A agricultural workers and the spouses or children who accompany or follow these workers to the United States. As a result of the interim final rule, these nonimmigrants must have both a valid passport and visa.

**[DHS Extends TPS for Yemen for 18 Months](#)** – DHS has extended the temporary protected status designation for Yemen through March 3, 2020, due to "ongoing armed conflict and extraordinary and temporary conditions."

**[Justice Dept. Settles Claims Against Landscaping Company for Discriminating Against U.S. Workers](#)** – The agreement resolves a DOJ investigation concluding that Triple H unlawfully discriminated against qualified and available U.S. workers based on their citizenship status by preferring to hire temporary workers with H-2B visas.

**[Dept. of State Partners with Hilton Hotels and Resorts on Passport Project](#)**

– DOS employees have assisted Hilton's "Passport Concierge Booths" across the United States to provide passport applications, photos, and opportunities to ask questions about applying for a passport.

**[Attorney General Rescinds 24 Guidance Documents](#)** – Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced on July 3, 2018, that he is rescinding 24 guidance documents that were "unnecessary, outdated, inconsistent with existing law, or otherwise improper." A DOJ task force is continuing its "review of existing guidance documents to repeal, replace, or modify."

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