

AMENDMENT TO PROCLAMATION SUSPENDING NONIMMIGRANT ENTRIES

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On June 29, 2020, President Trump issued an <u>amendment</u> to <u>Proclamation</u> 10052 of June 22, 2020 (Suspension of Entry of Immigrants and Nonimmigrants Who Present a Risk to the United States Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak).

The amendment changes Section 3(a)(ii) to read as follows:

"(ii) does not have a nonimmigrant visa, of any of the classifications specified in section 2 of this proclamation and pursuant to which the alien is seeking entry, that is valid on the effective date of this proclamation; and"

This provision previously read as: "(ii) does not have a nonimmigrant visa that is valid on the effective date of this proclamation; and" in the original Proclamation.

Under the new amendment, having a valid visa on the effective date (June 24, 2020) alone, such as a B-2 visa, is not sufficient to exempt you from the Proclamation. The visa must be a valid H-1B, H-2B, L, or certain J visas, and you must be entering the United States pursuant to that visa to qualify for an exemption. Even if you had a valid H-1B, H-2B, L or J visa on the effective date of the original Proclamation (June 24, 2020), based on a literal reading of the amended section, you may not be able to get a new visa if you were outside the United States on June 24th, 2020.

Notwithstanding this amendment, the proclamation still does not apply to a person who was in the United States on June 24, 2020.