USCIS Posts Updated L-1B Adjudications Policy for Public Feedback

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Intro:

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The L-1B nonimmigrant classification enables a U.S. employer to transfer a professional employee with specialized knowledge relating to the organization's interests from one of its affiliated foreign offices to one of its offices in the United States. This classification also enables a foreign company which does not yet have an affiliated U.S. office to send a specialized knowledge employee to the United States to help establish one. Note that the L-1B classification is different than the L-1A Managerial/Executive transfer visa.

On March 24, 2015 USCIS announced the release of an <u>updated policy memorandum on the L-1B nonimmigrant visa classification for workers with specialized knowledge</u> (please click on this link to see the policy memorandum). The memorandum, which clarifies for USCIS officers how L-1B petitioners may demonstrate that an employee has specialized knowledge, will be posted for a 45-day public feedback period and will then go into effect on August 31, 2015.

Employees who work in any industry and serve in any type of position may be classified as L-1B nonimmigrants, so long as the position described in the L-1B petition requires specialized knowledge.

For additional information regarding the L-1B Visa, please feel free to contact our office.

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