



This Immigration Update[®] from FosterQuan, LLP contains important information regarding the following:

DHS DESIGNATES SYRIA FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

On Thursday, March 29th, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security [designated](#) nationals of Syria eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The TPS registration period for eligible nationals of Syria began March 29, 2012, and will end September 25, 2012. All qualifying Syrians, those residing and present in the United States since March 29, 2012, are eligible to remain in the United States and to obtain employment authorization. The registration process will vary slightly depending on one's age and whether the individual is applying for employment authorization.

For assistance related to TPS registration or re-registration issues, or regarding the Form I-9 employment eligibility verification process for employees claiming TPS, please contact a FosterQuan attorney. As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor TPS designations and will provide additional information via our firm's [website](#) and future Immigration Updates[®] as appropriate.

U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) EXPANDS MEANING OF "FAMILY" TO REDUCE NUMBER OF CUSTOMS DECLARATION FORMS

On March 27, 2012, U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register, proposing to reduce the number of customs declaration forms by expanding the definition of the term "members of the same family residing in one household." Under the expanded definition, members normally residing together as part of one household might share a customs declaration form even if they are not related by blood, marriage, or adoption. This change would permit co-habiting partners of either sex to share a U.S. customs declaration form. The CBP hopes to reduce both paperwork and the time it takes to inspect arriving passengers upon admission to the United States.