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**USCIS ANNOUNCES REVISIONS TO FORM I-129S  
(BLANKET L PETITION FOR A NONIMMIGRANT WORKER)**

The USCIS has released the revised [Form I-129S](#), which employers use to file Blanket L applications and petitions for temporary workers at U.S. Consular Posts and with the USCIS. The new Form is available for immediate use, but not mandatory until September 9, 2013. The changes will require employers to provide additional information related to their employee's proposed activities in the U.S. and make the form more consistent with the Form I-129 and L Supplement.

Below is a summary of the primary changes in Form I-129S for the Blanket L-1 nonimmigrant visa classification.

**Certification of Compliance with U.S. Export Control Regulations Added**

The certification that has been in place on the regular Form I-129 since November 2010 dealing with U.S. laws regarding export controls is now incorporated into the Form I-129S. The employer must certify on new Form I-129S that it has reviewed the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and that it has determined whether an export license from the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of State is required. If the employer has determined that an export license is required, the employer must certify that it will prevent access to the controlled technology or technical data by the employee until and unless the employer has received the required license or other authorization to release it to the employee.

**Off-Site Work Location Information Required**

The new Form I-129S asks whether the L-1B specialized knowledge employee will work off-site and, if so, who will control and supervise the work and why the employee's specialized knowledge is needed at that worksite. The section also requests additional information related to the method of control over the employee's work that the employer will maintain while offsite.

These changes should be considered by employers prior to utilizing the new Form I-129S to ensure that Blanket L-filings are not delayed. If you have any questions regarding the new Form I-129S, please contact your FosterQuan immigration attorney for more information.

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