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U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) IMMIGRATION INSPECTION OFFICERS AT THE PORTS OF ENTRY ARE NOW REQUESTING PRESENTATION OF AN ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT FOR SOME L-CLASSIFICATION NONIMMIGRANT ADMISSIONS

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In recent weeks U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Immigration Inspectors have begun requesting that certain applicants for admission in L-1 nonimmigrant status present an additional document supporting their eligibility for L-1 classification.

Individuals who are the beneficiaries of individual L-1 Nonimmigrant Visa Petitions receive an original Form I-797 Notice of Action/Approval Notice from the CIS bearing their name and authorized classification. This Notice must routinely be presented along with a valid L-1 visa when applying for admission to the United States in L-1 status.

Unlike the beneficiaries of individual L-1 Nonimmigrant Visa Petitions filed with the CIS, applicants for L-1 Nonimmigrant Visas pursuant to a company's approved Blanket L Nonimmigrant Visa Petition do not receive an individual Approval Notice bearing their names and approved classification. Rather, when applying for an L-1 visa at the U.S. Consulate abroad, these applicants present an attorney-certified copy of the company's Blanket L Petition Approval Notice. Recent applicants for admission with L-1 visas issued pursuant to a company's Blanket L Program have been requested by CBP Immigration Inspectors at the Port of Entry to present a copy of the Blanket L Petition Approval.

Please notify each of your company's L-1 employees of this new requirement and assure that each carries a copy of the company's Blanket L Petition Approval Notice when applying for admission into the United States by presentation of an L-1 visa issued under the Blanket L Program.

For additional information about this requirement, or for assistance in preparing an appropriate communication for distribution to the company's L-1 non-immigrant employees, please contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney.