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THE NETHERLANDS RELAXES WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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The Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment in the Netherlands recently announced a relaxation of the mandatory work permit requirement in response to complaints from businesses in EU member states. Due to the rigidity of the Dutch work permit system, business entities complained that the Dutch system hampered the free movement of services within the EU in contravention of European legislation.

Presently the Dutch system requires work permits for service personnel to enter and work in the Netherlands in service of contracts in delivering orders. Under the new system, a form of attestation system, employers in EU member states may temporarily transfer such service personnel upon proper notification, including employer and employee information, of the Central Board for Work and Income.

Should you have questions about the impact of these changes in the Dutch immigration system on the movement of temporary workers from within other EU member states to the Netherlands, please contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney. Our team of “outbound,” emigration experts will be able to assist you in evaluating opportunities which may be opened up by this relaxation of the work permit requirement in the Netherlands.