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## Judge Upholds Verification Rule

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A judge in Maryland has upheld a rule requiring federal contractors to verify the legal [immigration](#) status of workers through an electronic system, E-Verify, run by the [Department of Homeland Security](#). In a ruling late Wednesday, the judge, Alexander Williams Jr. of Federal District Court, dismissed a lawsuit by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Associated Builders and Contractors, and several human resources associations, who argued that the system imposed unreasonable costs on employers. The rule requires federal contractors to check the immigration status of current workers as well as new hires. The decision clears the way for the rule to take effect on Sept. 8.