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> [Cap Count for H-2B Non-Immigrants \(As of September 12, 2014\)](#)

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On September 12, 2014, USCIS released the updated “Cap Count” for the H-2B Non-immigrant Visa. The H-2B non-agricultural temporary worker program allows U.S. employers to bring foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary non-agricultural jobs. Currently, the H-2B cap set by Congress is 66,000 per fiscal year, with 33,000 to be allocated for ... [Continue Reading](#)

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The Department of State (DOS) announced changes to the Country Reciprocity Tables. The Country Reciprocity Tables list additional visa fees that must be paid by nationals of certain countries when applying for certain types nonimmigrant visa stamps at US Consulates abroad. The Tables also list whether applicants of a certain country are subject to a ... [Continue Reading](#)

> [Global Employer Alert — Kuwait Authorities Conducting a Wide-Scale Enforcement Action on Alleged Fraudulent Immigration Filings](#)

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As reported by Kuwaiti media, authorities in Kuwait are cracking down on possible employment-based immigration schemes involving up to 3,000 sham companies that were set up and used as vehicles to obtain work permits for foreign companies. This has led to 5,000 files of various companies being held and audited by Kuwaiti authorities. It appears as though ... [Continue Reading](#)

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The majority of employees selected for the FY2015 H-1B cap will be changing status on October 1, 2014 and employers should be mindful of the following: Any FY2015 H-1B petition that is still pending approval for an employee who is working pursuant to the F-1/H-1B cap gap provision should be premium processed now. Employers should ... [Continue Reading](#)

> [Summary of AILA’s Monthly Check-In with “Charlie”](#)

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On September 8, 2014, the October 2014 Visa Bulletin was released (previously covered by Greenberg Traurig here). Shortly thereafter, on September 11, 2014, AILA “checked in” with Charles (“Charlie”) Oppenheim, Chief of the Visa Control and Reporting Division, U.S. Department of State, to obtain his analysis of current trends and future projections for the various ... [Continue Reading](#)

> [DOL Report on FY2014 Prevailing Wage Determinations Provides Some Surprising Data for Employers](#)

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The Department of Labor (DOL) has released its FY 2014 statistics on prevailing wage determinations for U.S. employers in connection with the sponsorship for foreign workers. This report provides interesting insight into prevailing wage requests by U.S. employers and their representatives for H-1B petitions, H-2B petitions and PERM

labor certifications. It also reveals some broader ... [Continue Reading](#)

> [CBP Announces Optimized Processing for First-Time Canadian TN and L Applicants](#)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has announced optimized processing procedures at fourteen ports-of-entry, including four pre-clearance locations, for Canadian citizens seeking TN or L status for the first time. This initiative is designed to increase customer satisfaction, decrease wait times and allow CBP to effectively deal with increased volume of Canadian TN and L ... [Continue Reading](#)

> [Migration to the UK Increases Despite the Enforcement of Harsher Immigration Laws](#)

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Over the last several months, the UK government has taken steps to increase immigration compliance in the United Kingdom. The government passed an immigration bill in May 2014, with many of its provisions scheduled to go into effect throughout the year. The most recent of these provisions impact residential landlords and will go into effect ...

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