

Reports Confirm That Canadians Should be Exempt from Latest Presidential Proclamation

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Reports coming out of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) confirm that Canadian nationals are exempt from the Presidential Proclamation that went into force today, June 24th, suspending entries for H-1B, H-2B, L-1 and J-1 visa holders. The report indicated that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) headquarters has confirmed this policy position, and guidance has reportedly been issued to local ports notifying CBP that Canadians are exempt.

We have also received direct confirmation from a supervisor at the Peace Bridge port of entry to the U.S. that new L-1 petitions will continue to be accepted and adjudicated, and back-and-forth travel through the ports is permissible.

This is welcome news to the thousands of Canadians utilizing these work authorized status categories to enter and work in the U.S. each year, and an indication that the current administration is committed to maintaining the U.S.'s bond with its neighbor to the north, despite the COVID-19 crisis and the administration's deep concerns about the impact of foreign national workers on the U.S. labor market.

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