

URGENT IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION NEWS:

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Immigration attorneys around the country are advising their clients from Iraq, Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Sudan and Somalia who are currently PRESENT in the United States to immediately cancel any planned travel outside of the country until further notice as they might not be allowed back in even if they are in possession of a valid visa.

It is also recommended that people from such countries who are currently OUTSIDE the United States, but are in possession of a valid visa or travel document immediately return to the United States.

President Trump is expected to issue an executive order to ban visas, entry, and Immigration benefits to nationals of the seven named countries effective immediately from the time the executive order is issued. It is expected that Mr. Trump will issue the executive order today.

What we have learned about the terms of the Executive Order:

1. Immediate 30-day suspension of "entry" of "immigrants" and "non-immigrants" from the targeted countries. The language suggests that Lawful Permanent Residents cannot re-enter during this time.
2. At the end of 30 days, the Department of Homeland Security must report to the president names of countries on the list which will not provide information about their citizens to the U.S.
3. After the initial 30 days, the targeted non-compliant country has 60 days to comply.
4. If the targeted country does not comply, all its nationals are prohibited from entering the U.S. until compliance occurs (again this seems to apply to Lawful Permanent Residents as well).
5. Most strikingly, the prohibition applies to ALL IMMIGRATION BENEFITS under the Immigration & Nationality Act (this suggests that the bar applies to nationals of the targeted countries living in the U.S., for example those seeking to become Lawful Permanent Residents or U.S. Citizens).
6. Since most of the countries on the list have no diplomatic or security ties with the U.S. the prohibition will be indefinite.

Further updates will be provided as soon as the final version of the Executive Order is signed into law.

*Please share this information with individuals that may be affected! *