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APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION WHICH WERE CERTIFIED PRIOR TO JULY 16, 2007 WILL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 12, 2008;

Employers Must File Immigrant Visa Petitions Based on Certified Applications for Permanent Employment Certification within 180 Days of Certification

As reported in previous Tindall & Foster, P.C. Email Bulletins, the U.S. Department of Labor has implemented a final rule, which went into effect July 16, 2007, which limits the validity of Labor Certifications (certified Applications for Permanent Employment Certification). Pursuant to the final rule's implementation, DOL regulations specify that Labor Certifications issued on or after July 16, 2007 are valid for only 180 days from the date of issuance. Labor Certifications issued prior to July 16, 2007 are valid for only 180 days from the effective date of the regulation, July 16, 2007.

As a result of the change in DOL regulations, Labor Certifications issued prior to July 16, 2007 will expire on January 12, 2008. Immigrant Visa Petitions based on such Labor Certifications must be filed with U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services prior to January 12, 2008.

For more information regarding the applicable expiration date of Labor Certifications and the timely filing of Immigrant Visa Petitions, contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney. Your Tindall & Foster attorney will be able to assist you in the timely preparation and filing of your company's Immigrant Visa Petitions on behalf of your qualified employees.