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To: **DG Law Firm Clients**

**Re: 45 Days Work Visa Procedure – Revised and Updated!**

The Israeli **Population, Immigration and Border Control Authority (PIBA)** issued an **Expedited Process for Short Term Work Permits (EPST)** on Feb 2015 (After canceling the previous oral procedure on Dec 23, 2014).

The procedure has since been revised, updated and released on Oct 21, 2015. The trial period has been extended until July 31, 2016.

The procedure allows Israeli and Foreign Companies to employ foreign experts to work legally in Israel, for **up to 45 days per year**, with an expedited procedure aiming for approval within 6 working days. The procedure will also include an application and visa issue at the Regional Population Authority Office.

Objectives

This experimental procedure is intended to balance between the economic, international needs further to which it is sometimes necessary to arrange for the entry and employment of foreign experts for short periods and within short time ranges and between the obligations of the authorities to adequately monitor the entry of foreigners to Israel.

Following a trial period of six months, it has been decided to extend this procedure for an additional 12 months, until July 31, 2016. At the end of this period, the procedure will be evaluated further, to be amended, extended or cancelled.

Further to the Foreign Workers Law, 1991, and the Law of Entry to Israel 1952, the employment of a foreign expert requires the securing of a work permit according to 1 (13) of the Foreign Workers Law and the securing of a visa and a residence and work license (B-1) for a foreign expert (**work permit**).

A foreign resident who has been provided with a work permit is permitted to stay and work in Israel only for the purpose of performing the work for which the work permit was granted, only for the holder of the work permit, and only for the designated period, and he is not authorized to perform any other type of work or for another person or to work in a different economic category.



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A work permit will not be extended beyond the 45 days, as set down in the procedure, and the expert will not be permitted to move to a different employer or to move to a different line of work.

#### General Visa Terms

The visa issued is available for expert nationals who are exempt from a tourist visa.

List of nationalities exempt from applying for a visa is available on the following link:

[http://mfa.gov.il/MFA\\_Graphics/MFA%20Gallery/Consular%20forms/VisaRequirements.pdf](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA_Graphics/MFA%20Gallery/Consular%20forms/VisaRequirements.pdf)

The visa will be issued for a maximum period of 45 days for one period of time or accumulated, per year cycle, starting from the first day of entry in to Israel.

The work available on this type of visa will allow short and limited projects such as: consulting, supervision, repairs, lectures, training or short assignment requiring special expertise.

A multiple entry visa will be available too under this type of visa.

A full year B-1 Work Permit may also be requested after the expert's departure from the country (The previous procedure included a one year waiting period from the date the expert left Israel).

Additional information are available from DG Law Firm's Immigration Department.

The above notice is general and specific cases should be examined on an individual basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any comments.

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