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COVID-19 IMMIGRATION UPDATE Ports of Entry

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued changes regarding US land ports of entry. The biggest update pertains to cross-border travel between the US and Canada, and similarly between the US and Mexico. Travel across the US-land border is being halted, with the exception of essential travel. The travel cessation is a two-way street as travel from the US into either of our neighboring countries is equally being interrupted.

“Essential” travel, as remains permissible, generally encompasses the “supply chain” movement of products, food, and Rx drugs, etc. Not expressly stated in the released bulletin is whether CBP will be admitting and/or processing NAFTA-based employment applications (TN, L-1, even H-1b). A request to CBP for edification has not yet been answered. Our assumption is that there will be little or no such processing taking place. We will continue to keep you apprised of pertinent updates.

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