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Supreme Court Action on Travel Ban

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The U.S. Supreme Court announced today that a portion of the Trump Administration's travel ban can take effect while the court waits to hear oral arguments in the case.

President Trump's March 6th executive order sought to suspend the refugee program for 120 days and impose a 90-day travel ban for citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The provisions in the executive order were halted by decisions in two separate U.S. Courts of Appeals. In response, the Trump administration requested the U.S. Supreme Court stay these lower court rulings and allow the ban to be implemented while the case moved forward.

In an unsigned opinion earlier today, the Supreme Court partially granted the administration's request, allowing the ban to go into effect for persons who lack any "bona fide relationship with any person or entity in the United States."

Therefore individuals from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen who have never been issued a U.S. visa, or who have no family or business ties to the U.S. will be impacted by this decision. It is anticipated this latest ban will take effect within the next 72 hours and remain in effect for 90 days.

Individuals from these countries who have ties to the U.S. such as non-immigrant visa holders and permanent residents should not be impacted by this change.

We urge any company representative or foreign national seeking guidance on these matters to immediately contact an MVA team member.