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Automatic Extension of B/1 Work Visas and Work Permits for Foreign Experts (COVID-19 Update)

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The Israeli Population, Border control and Immigration Authority (hereinafter: "PIBA") announced that in light of the current situation, and in accordance with the COVID-19 general legal provisions, work permits for the employment of Foreign Experts (hereinafter: "Work Permit"), and B/1 work visas of foreign experts (hereinafter: "Work Visa"), will be extended as follows:

1. Work Visas and Work Permits whose expiry date is between March 10, 2020 and June 30, 2020 will be extended by a period of three months, as of the expiry date of the Visa/Permit.
2. Work Visas and Work Permits whose expiry date is between July 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020 will be extended by a period of ten weeks, as of the expiry date of the Visa/Permit.

The employee and employer will not be required to file an application to PIBA for the purpose of said extension, and it will also not be necessary to pay a permit fee (NIS 175 according to the Entry into Israel Regulations) or an application fee (according to Section 1J(a) of the Foreign Workers Law), accordingly, for the purpose of said extensions.

Please note that the above automatic extension decision is applicable only for Foreign Experts who are in Israel.

The extensions will appear in PIBA's systems; no new Work Permit or Work Visa sticker will be sent to the employee and the employment permit for the employer will be extended in respect of the relevant extension.

Toward the end of the extension periods as set forth above, and insofar no notice has

been provided regarding an additional extension, the holder of the Work Permit/Work Visa should apply to PIBA in order to extend the Work Permits, in accordance with the relevant procedures.

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