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USCIS Announces Implementation of 2021 H-1B Registration Process

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On 01/09/2020, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") formally announced the implementation of the H-1B registration process for fiscal year 2021 H-1B cap-subject petitions. Employers seeking to file FY2021 H-1B cap-subject petitions, including those eligible for the advanced degree exemption, must first electronically register and pay a \$10 fee for each registration they submit to USCIS.

Under this new process, employers seeking H-1B workers subject to the cap, or their authorized representatives, must complete a registration process that will require basic information about the company and each requested worker. Employers and their representatives will be required to setup accounts prior to March 1, 2020. **The registration period will be open from March 1, 2020 to March 20, 2020.** USCIS will then run a random selection process. Per USCIS on March 31, 2020, selected registrants will be notified of their eligibility to continue the H-1B cap-subject filing process. Registrants will have 90 days to file their H-1B cap-subject petitions beginning April 1, 2020. A cap-subject H-1B petition will be considered properly filed if it is based on a valid, selected registration for the same beneficiary. Petitioners can register multiple aliens during a single online submission.

Employers who wish to file an H-1B cap subject petition for FY 2021 may contact their regular Butzel Long attorney, a member of the Butzel Long Immigration Practice Group, or the authors of this e-mail news alert.

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