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## Prevailing Wage Requests Backlogged

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In July of this year, the U.S. Department of Labor's National Prevailing Wage Center temporarily suspended processing of prevailing wage requests in connection with labor certification applications.

This action came in the wake of a June federal court order mandating the promulgation of new regulations on prevailing wages for H-2B seasonal workers.

When new regulations were published in August, they required the Department of Labor to issue on a case-by-case basis 4,000 prevailing wage provisions, some for multiple locations but each requiring separate determinations as to applicability.

As a result, there is now a two to three month backlog of prevailing wage determinations, which is affecting employers that are trying to process permanent labor certification applications.

Of course, there are some things you can do to make sure that an application is processed as quickly as possible, and that is more important now than ever for affected employers.

If you are an employer or an employer's representative in charge of obtaining prevailing wage requests for H-2B or other relevant workers, please feel free to call our offices at (847)564-0712 to schedule an appointment and/or check out the pertinent portion of <u>our Website</u> for information on how we can help you.