

# ◆ U.S. visa now mandatory for persons with travel history to the Middle East ◆

On January 21, 2016, the United States implemented the *Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015*. Each day, more than one million people hoping to enter the United States are received by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. The CBP has committed itself to promoting legitimate travel while maintaining strict standards of security and border control. Under this new law, if you have traveled to any of the 7 countries below since March 1, 2011, you are ineligible for the Visa Waiver Program (ESTA). This also applies in the case of transit through the United States.



Persons who have traveled to any of the above countries since March 1, 2011 must apply for a B1/B2 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate in order to receive permission to travel the U.S. There are many documents required for application, and they must prove that there are no ties to terrorist activities or organizations. Don't hesitate to contact IMS Legal Professional Corporation - your university's visa consultation service - for all your visa application advice. We have the experience you need.



IMS Legal Professional Corporation  
8F, 2-39-3 Nishishimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003  
TEL 03 (5402) 6191 FAX 03 (5402) 6192  
<http://attorney-office.com/en>