

**USCIS Announces Relief for Japanese Stranded due to Earthquakes and Tsunami**

Our firm would like to express our deepest condolences to the Japanese people in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced temporary relief for Japanese and other nationals from the Pacific stranded in the United States due to the Earthquakes and Tsunami. If you have exceeded or are about to exceed your authorized stay in the U.S., you may be permitted up to an additional 30 days to depart. If you are a visitor under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), contact the U.S. Customs and Border Protection office if you are at an airport, or visit the local USCIS office if you are not at an airport. If you are in the U.S. under a nonimmigrant visa, visit the local USCIS office; bring your passport and evidence that you are stranded such as a cancelled flight itinerary and your I-94 departure card.

This information is a general guideline and should not be construed as legal advice. For additional information concerning temporary relief, contact the members of Stoll Keenon Ogden's Immigration Practice Group.

Our heartfelt sympathies.

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