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**UPDATED Advisory on Travel Ban #3**  
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In September, President Trump issued a third travel ban affecting eight countries. The travel ban was previously suspended by the courts through a temporary injunction. It will now go into effect because of a Supreme Court ruling on December 4<sup>th</sup>. This advisory is meant to give you a brief summary of the status of things right now.

**What countries are banned?** This travel ban applies to some people traveling from: **Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen.**

**Is this the final ruling?** No. The ban is still being challenged in the lower courts. The Supreme Court ruling only applies to a temporary injunction. So the ban will take effect while the challenges continue in the lower courts.

**Who is affected?** The travel restrictions are different depending on which country someone is from. Here is a summary of who is affected by the travel ban by country: (*Note: immigrant visas are issued to people immigrating based on an approved visa petition filed by a US Citizen or Permanent Resident family member or an employer.*)

- **Chad:** People with an immigrant visa or temporary visitors on business or tourist visas.
- **Iran:** People with an immigrant visa and or a temporary visa, except for student and exchange visas.
- **Libya:** People with an immigrant visa or temporary visitors on business or tourist visas.
- **North Korea:** People with an immigrant visa or temporary visitors on business or tourist visas.
- **Somalia:** People with an immigrant visa, and adds additional scrutiny for temporary visitors.
- **Syria:** People with an immigrant visa or temporary visitors on business or tourist visas.
- **Venezuela:** Government officials and their family members traveling with tourist or business visas.
- **Yemen:** People with an immigrant visa or temporary visitors on business or tourist visas.

**When does it come into effect?** Immediately.

**Who is exactly affected?** Nationals from the eight countries who are outside the US and who do not have a valid visa.

**Exemptions:** This order does not apply to the following people:

1. Lawful Permanent Residents (a/k/a “Green Card holders”);
2. Nationals of the above countries who arrived in the US after the applicable effective dates;
3. Dual nationals traveling with a passport from a non-designated country;
4. People entering with Diplomatic visas;
5. People who have been granted asylum and refugees who are already here in the U.S.

**Are waivers available?** Yes. Waivers may be granted on a case-by-case basis to allow entry for people who can prove that denying their entry would cause them an undue hardship and that their entry would not pose a threat to national security or public safety, and would be in the national interest, and who meet other requirements.

**If you have questions about how the travel ban may impact you or your family, you should talk to an immigration lawyer.**

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