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Following the issuance of a verbal directive by the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government (the “Ministry”) on a crackdown on illegal foreign workers in Kenya, the Ministry and Department of Immigration has issued a notice that a verification exercise of all work permit holders will be undertaken at the Department of Immigration with effect from 21st May 2018 to 21st July 2018. During this period, all work permit holders are required to attend in person to the Department of Immigration, at Nyayo House, Nairobi for the verification exercise which will include fingerprinting and taking of photos.

Work permit holders are required to carry the following documents with them:

1. Original work permit;
2. Valid official endorsement on the passport;
3. Valid foreigners certificate card (formerly alien card) or foreigners waiting card;
4. Official payment receipt of the work permit; and
5. KRA PIN certificate.

At the moment, the directive is targeted towards work permit holders only. However we anticipate that a similar exercise will be conducted for dependant pass holders.

We advise all our clients who are work permit holders to comply with the directive within the stipulated period. We recommend that work permit holders attend to Nyayo House sooner rather than later, to avoid the last minute rush.

We shall continue to keep you updated on any further developments. In case of any queries, please contact

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