

SECURITY ADVISORY

Risk of a getting selected for a Security Check on Visa applications

There has been an increase in the number of Intel employees who are being selected for security checks when they apply for their visas. This especially impacts employees from and/or applying for visas in India, China, and Russia. Security Advisory Opinion (SAO) guidelines give U.S. Consulates discretion to request for an SAO for several reasons, including where the visa applicant's biographic information is similar to someone of concern to the U.S. Government or where the technology the visa applicant is exposed to is on the technology alert list.

IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR SECURITY CHECK: Please send an email to intelimmiglettersUS@fragomen.com and provide the following information:

- Full name and WWID
- Date of application
- Consulate Applied At
- Date of Birth
- Passport Number
- Visa Type

If you decide to work remotely while your security check is pending, please have your Manager work with Mobility and Benefits Tax to identify any potential implications of working abroad. Your Manager should send the following information to the Mobility Tax email:

Mobility.and.Benefits.Tax.Communications@intel.com

- Subject Line – H-1B Visa
- Employee Name
- WWID
- Country doing the security check
- How long (arrival date/anticipated date of obtaining visa) will employee work remotely
- Group/Department they belong to
- Type of work they perform - simple job description

Managers can expect employees to be delayed in their return to the U.S. If an employee is subject to a security check, he/she must wait until the security check is completed and the visa is issued before returning to the U.S. The delay may be up to 8 weeks or longer.

Since the Department of State views SAOs as a matter of national security, there is nothing that Intel or Fragomen can do to expedite the completion of a security check or the issuance of a visa.