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## **TAIWAN ADDED TO THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM**

On October 2, 2012, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the designation of Taiwan under the Visa Waiver Program, which currently allows visitors from 36 countries to visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a U.S. Visa.

Beginning November 1, 2012, authorized citizens of Taiwan may travel to the United States for business or leisure travel without a visa stamp in their passports. All Visa Waiver travelers to the United States must first register online and receive authorization through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA).

Taiwan became eligible for participation in the Visa Waiver Program upon DHS determination that Taiwan complies with critical security, law enforcement, and passport control requirements.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor developments in visa requirements and participation in the Visa Waiver Program and will make future updates available via our firm's [website](#) and in future Immigration Update<sup>®</sup> bulletins.