

## **Work Permit for Foreigners**

Recommended Resolution Nr.3 of July 30, 2003.

Regulates the concession of permanent or temporary visas, according to the terms of the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Portugal dated July 11, 2003 that deals with the Reciprocal Recruitment of Nationals.

The National Immigration Council, instituted by Law Nr. 8.490 of November 19, 1992, in the use of the powers conferred by Decree Nr. 840 of June 22, 1998, and in the terms of art. 9, line “b” of the Internal Regiment,

Decree:

Art.1 To recommend to the Ministry of Labor the adoption of administrative procedures for the proceedings of the request for a work permit for a Portuguese citizen, in the terms of art.6 and 12 of the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Portugal on the Reciprocal Recruitment of Nationals, from now on named “Agreement”.

Art.2 The evaluation of work permits shall focus on the contents of the Brazilian labor legislation, without the strict evaluation of other administrative criteria for the selection of immigrants by professional qualification, salary level and education, according to the terms established in the Agreement and the understandings that guided its negotiation.

Art.3 Furthermore, the request for a permanent visa by the investor who pretends to invest or has already invested, will, be evaluated even if it does not fill all the demands foreseen in this Council’s Normative Resolutions Nr. 10 of November 11, 1997 and 28 of November 25, 1998.

Art.4 Any change of employer, professional activity and/or entrepreneurial, must be immediately communicated to the Ministry of Labor.

Art.5 The visa issued under the terms of this Resolution can, be extended and converted under the terms of Law Nr. 6.815 of August 19, 1980.

Art.6 Portuguese citizens who have entered Brazil after July 12, 2003 are, excluded from the applications of this Resolution, as well as those with criminal records or who are subjected to a penal process.

Art.7 The contents included in Normative Resolutions Nr. 10 of November 11, 1997 and 12 of May 13, 1998, as well as other possible applicable Resolutions, will be void of effect when contradictory to this Resolution.

Art.8 This Resolution enters into effect on the date of its publication.

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