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**Notice to NMA Members:**

**RE: Cross-border technical service – a win for manufacturing!**

As you know over the past several months the NMA along with the QMA, have been working on your behalf to raise awareness and lobby to secure an exemption from regulatory processes for service technicians from other countries entering Canada to repair machinery and equipment that is outside of warranty or service agreement.

The NMA is pleased to let you know that Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) has implemented a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) exemption for service technicians needed for repairs to industrial or commercial equipment that is no longer under warranty. In addition to the increased consistency and simplified process, this change will directly save companies \$1,000 per foreign worker. The details are at this link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/tools/updates/2015/2015-05-21.asp>.

While this does not address all issues with foreign workers who need to enter Canada temporarily, this measure should fix a significant challenge that has affected manufacturing operations since the changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program last summer.

We would like to hear how these changes impact your operations and how they will help your company. Please take the time to let us know.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the NMA as we work to assist you our members.