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Date

Dear **Salutation**

Re:

**CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION**

You/**your client** currently has an outstanding application for documentation on the basis of the Court Of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) judgment in the case of *Ruiz Zambrano* (C-34/09). The right to reside in accordance with this judgment is derived from Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and not from Directive 2004/38/EC (Free Movement Directive) which has been transposed into legislation via the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 (The Regulations).

As the right is not derived from the Directive, there is currently no provision within the Regulations to issue documentation on the basis of the *Ruiz Zambrano* judgment. Amendments to the Regulations are expected to follow later this year. Whilst those changes are progressed, it is accepted that **your/your client's** application has provided some information which may bring **you/your client** within scope of the judgment. On this basis it is accepted that **you/your client** may accept offers of employment, or to continue in employment in the UK until a substantive decision can be made on **you/your client's** application. An employer may ask to see this document as evidence of eligibility to work, and **you/your client** should therefore keep it in a safe place until the application has been decided.

This certificate of application replaces the version sent to you when you made your original application. Please ensure that this document issued on \*\*\*\*insert date here\*\*\*\* is returned to us at the above address.

When the Regulations have been amended to effect the *Ruiz Zambrano* judgment, a substantive decision will be made on **you/your client's** application. This may require the UK Border Agency to request further information in order to confirm that **you/your client have/has** this right to reside.

### **Note for employers**

This document may form part of a statutory defence against liability to pay a civil penalty under section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 for employing an illegal migrant worker. However it should only be accepted for this purpose if presented within 6 months of the date of issue and provided you can demonstrate that the document has been verified by the UK Border Agency Employer Checking Service.

The holder must present the original document. You should request verification of the document by calling the Employer Checking Service on **0300 123 4699** and retain a copy of it in your records. Further information about the Employer Checking Service and the responsibilities of employers can be found at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/employers/>.

We expect to make a substantive decision on this application within 6 months from the date of this letter. After this date the employee should be asked to present alternative evidence of continuing eligibility to take or continue in employment in the United Kingdom.

If you need to contact us by telephone please use the number on this letter.

Yours **sincerely/faithfully**,