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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 5 Mar 2025 20:43:31
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: 1214RE: Visitor Record - REP-2025-0258 - Due 24-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

Please see the response to your inquiry below.

Question received:

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I believe that the following prevails:

Ref IRPR 183

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In other words, the VR is not longer in effect once the Client leaves [redacted] their re-entry, they can remain in Canada for six months as a visitor unless CBSA decides differently upon entry (and if the Client is allowed to re-enter).

This would apply whether or not the Client goes to the USA or elsewhere in the world.

Secondly, can the client, upon re-entry, ask the initial validity of the VR to be maintained? Is that an acceptable approach?

response:

Hello,

[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

This information is provided as general policy guidance and is not a directive for individual case files. For case-specific enquiries, applicants can contact the Department by submitting the IRCC Web form.

The Visitor Record (VR) itself is not covered in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) or the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR), and is not valid for re-entry. As per R183(4)(a), once a foreign national leaves Canada, their temporary resident status ends.

Upon arrival at a port of entry (POE), and as per R185, the border services officer (BSO) has the discretion to either:

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1 – grant entry to the validity of the VR (if it is still valid),
2 – grant entry for any other length of stay, or
3 – deny entry

We trust that this information will assist you.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 24 janvier 2025 19:56
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : Visitor Record

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