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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BRIEF:

NEW US ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL RESOURCES

The National Restaurant Association Show urges all members of our international show community to start making travel plans now to avoid any potential delays in obtaining the documentation required for entry to the United States. To help your planning process, please review some of the important planning considerations below.

SCHEDULE US VISA APPOINTMENTS NOW

If you or your staff require a US visa to travel to the United States, the National Restaurant Association Show encourages you to start your visa application process as soon as possible. U.S. embassies and consulates are working to resume routine visa services on a location-by-location, but visa applicants may face extended wait times for visa appointments.

Check your local [U.S. Embassy and Consulate's website](#) for information regarding operating status and which visa services it is currently offering. If you're a citizen of one of the [41 countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program](#), you may travel to the United States for tourism or business for 90 days or less without obtaining a visa.

INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

SOUTH BUILDING, LEVEL 4, VISTA BALLROOM (ROOM S406)

Saturday, May 17, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Connect with colleagues at the International Reception, which brings together key trade executives, international attendees, exhibiting companies interested in expanding their operations, and people who matter most to your business. All international registrants are welcome. Please note you will need your Show badge to attend the International Reception.

International Trade Center

SOUTH BUILDING, ROOM S104 – *next to registration*

In this room you will find meeting spaces available for you, as well as information about international buyers' delegations and U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) specialists. We encourage you to meet them for one-on-one discussions about exporting, finding international buyers, and exploring international markets.

For inquiries about the International Trade Center, international delegations, and scheduling meetings with USCS specialists, please contact Andres Tovar at andres.tovar@mdg.agency.

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FREEMAN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

TRANSLATION SERVICE

- Freeman is pleased to offer a new service for our international exhibitors that provides quick interpretation and translation in 150 languages. This service will not only interpret for us on a three-way conversation, but also translate emails from customers. To access this service, you may contact Exhibitor Support at (888) 508-5054 US & Canada or +1(512) 982-4186 Local & International.

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICES

- Phone: +1(512) 982-4186 Local & International.
 - Question Form: <https://www.freemanco.com/store/shipping-services/shipping-details?shipmentType=roundTrip&showID=531350&shipping=international>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information or support, please visit our website at <https://www.nationalrestaurantshow.com/nras-exhibitors> or contact RestaurantShowExhibitorServices@informa.com.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES & REFERENCES

- [Where to Stay \(Hotel Discounts\)](#)
- [Getting to Chicago \(Airline Travel\)](#)
- [Getting Around Chicago \(Local Travel & Parking\)](#)
- [United States Department of State*](#)
- [U.S. Embassies and Consulates*](#)
- [Official Travel and Tourism Site of the United States*](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security*](#)

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