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Madam Ambassador!

on behalf of the Polish companies which design and construct exhibition stands at trade fairs and which are members of the Polish Chamber of Exhibition Industry, I kindly request information on formalities that must be currently completed by Polish companies assembling and dismantling exhibition stands in Great Britain.

Exhibitions stands are constructed from materials purchased within the European Union and specified each time in the ATA Carnet. All materials used for stand construction are dismantled and transported back to the companies' headquarters in Poland after the trade fair. This means that all the goods brought into Great Britain do not stay in its territory after the trade fair but are transported back to our country.

The assembly and disassembly of stands usually takes up to 5 working days. The workers assembling and disassembling the stands are employed and insured in Polish companies. The work is de facto performed in Poland and only the final assembly and disassembly takes place in Great Britain. The workers do not receive any pay in the territory of Great Britain. They also have no employer or workplace within Great Britain.

The short-term travel of Polish workers employed by companies which design and construct exhibition stands to Great Britain is different than the situation of seasonal or permanent workers who need to obtain work visas to Great Britain. With frequent, several-day-long trips, applying for a visa for the workers each time is time consuming and extremely burdensome, as is meeting all the other requirements for a work visa such as: having an employer in Great Britain or ensuring the funds to support the workers.

Therefore, I would like to ask whether such a short-term trip for the purpose of assembly and disassembly of an exhibition stand created entirely in Poland for a Polish employer must be covered by the work visa or whether other solutions can be applied?

Yours faithfully,

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