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QUESTIONS:

1. Some time ago a special provision was made allowing for a shortened immigration (IND) procedure when attracting school teachers from abroad. This allows or allowed employers of teachers to speed up the process. Not sure if this was specific to one island (Saba) or all three BES islands. Are you aware of this provision and is this still applicable to Statia?
2. If this provision is still available, does this also apply to the spouse of the teacher being hired? If not why not?
3. Do you share the opinion that in such cases the entire immediate family (spouse and children) of the teacher should also be automatically be granted legal residency providing a positive police report is presented?
4. In the case of the spouse of a teacher that recently passed away on our island, are you aware if this teacher was hired using this special procedure?

ANSWERS: