

SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

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The Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) today (28 November 2007) held that the Immigration Act and Regulations did not allow the Department of Home Affairs to demand a fee, and require additional security for repatriation, to be paid and provided respectively by a foreign worker who had been permitted to be employed under a 'corporate permit'. (Director General: Department of Home Affairs v Mavericks Revue CC.)

Mavericks Revue CC had been permitted by the Department of Home Affairs to employ 70 exotic dancers mainly from Russia and the Ukraine. When they applied for work permits at the consulate in Moscow they were told that they must each pay a fee for the work permit and deposit US \$2 000 as security for repatriation.

The High Court held that they were not obliged to pay the fee or to provide the security. The SCA dismissed an appeal against that decision.