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## Employing foreigners about to get more expensive

### Draft provisions on foreigner social insurance enrollment released

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Companies in China employing foreigners should prepare for a cost increase once the new social insurance law goes into effect.

On June 10 2011, China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security released the *Tentative Measures for the Enrollment in Social Insurance of Foreigners Employed in China (Draft for Comments)*

(在中国境内就业的外国人参加社会保险暂行办法 (征求意见稿)) (Draft measures) for public comment. The comment solicitation period ended on June 17 2011.

The Draft measures were based on the *PRC Social Insurance Law* (中华人民共和国社会保险法) that is set to come into effect on July 1 2011.

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