



USCIS Update

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Direct Mail Program Adds Forms I-800 and I-800A

WASHINGTON— U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announces publication of a Federal Register Notice that expands its Direct Mail Program to include Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative, and Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country. Applicants were previously required to file at a USCIS field office with jurisdiction over their place of residence. The Direct Mail Program allows USCIS to process applications more efficiently by eliminating duplicative work, maximizing staff productivity, and introducing better information management tools. The Notice can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-19723.htm>

Beginning on September 25, 2008, applicants must submit Forms I-800, I-800A, and all related supplements and forms to the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility for initial processing, using the following address:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
P.O. Box 805695
Chicago, IL 60680-4118

If you are filing Hague-related Forms I-601, Application for Waiver of Ground of Inadmissibility; I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Act; I-864EZ, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Act; or I-864W, Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support Exemption; with Form I-800, you must also send these forms to the Lockbox address.

USCIS will forward incorrectly-filed forms to the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility address ONLY for the first 30 days after September 25, 2008. USCIS will forward to the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility any Form I-800A, Form I-800, or related forms and fees received by any office other than the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility only if they are received before October 27, 2008. Beginning October 27, 2008, USCIS will return any Form I-800 or I-800A, and related supplements and forms, mailed to a USCIS office other than the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility address to the applicant and require the applicant to mail the application directly to the USCIS Chicago Lockbox for processing.

Please contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283 for more information.