



STATEMENT

July 20, 2000

INS Completes H-1B Processing for FY 2000

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) today announced that all H-1B cap case processing has been completed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000. As of July 20, 2000 the INS approved 115,000 H-1B petitions, the total number available under the program for FY 2000.

On March 21, 2000, INS announced in the Federal Register that it would stop accepting H-1B visa petitions for FY 2000 because there was a sufficient number of petitions pending to reach the 115,000 cap. Since that time, INS has processed the pending petitions and has recorded 115,000 approved petitions against the cap for this year.

In August, INS will begin processing petitions for H-1B workers whose employment will start in FY 2001, on or after October 1. Under current law the cap for the next fiscal year is set at 107,500.

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