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USCIS Update

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USCIS DELAYS IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECT MAIL PROGRAM FOR N-400, APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today it will delay implementation of the Direct Mail Program for the <u>N-400</u>, Application for Naturalization. A *Federal Register* notice is scheduled to be published Oct. 10, 2008, announcing this delay.

Last month, USCIS published a <u>notice</u> in the *Federal Register*, which would have changed the filing address for N-400s from USCIS Service Centers to two lockbox facilities in Arizona and Texas. Implementation of this new process would have begun Oct. 14, 2008.

USCIS is delaying implementation of this new filing procedure to conduct additional tests of the technology involved. Accordingly, the Sept. 12 notice will be withdrawn Oct. 10, 2008.

Applicants for naturalization should continue to submit their Form N-400 according to the instructions on the form until further notice. In almost all cases, this means applicants will submit their N-400s to a USCIS Service Center.

For additional information, visit us on the Web at <u>www.uscis.gov</u> or call the National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283.