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but includes dependent areas, as defined in this section.

(j) *INA* means the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

(k) *INS* means the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(l) *Make or file an application for a visa* means:

(1) For a nonimmigrant visa applicant, submitting for formal adjudication by a consular officer of a completed Form OF-156, with any required supporting documents and the requisite processing fee or evidence of the prior payment of the processing fee when such documents are received and accepted for adjudication by the consular officer.

(2) For an immigrant visa applicant, personally appearing before a consular officer and verifying by oath or affirmation the statements contained on the Form OF-230 and in all supporting documents, having previously submitted all forms and documents required in advance of the appearance and paid the visa application processing fee.

(m) *Native* means born within the territory of a foreign state, or entitled to be charged for immigration purposes to that foreign state pursuant to INA section 202(b).

(n) *Not subject to numerical limitation* means that the alien is entitled to immigrant status as an immediate relative within the meaning of INA 201(b)(2)(i), or as a special immigrant within the meaning of INA 101(a)(27)(A) and (B), unless specifically subject to a limitation other than under INA 201(a), (b), or (c).

(o) *Parent, father, and mother*, as defined in INA 101(b)(2), are terms which are not changed in meaning if the child becomes 21 years of age or marries.

(p) *Port of entry* means a port or place designated by the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization at which an alien may apply to INS for admission into the United States.

(q) *Principal alien* means an alien from whom another alien derives a privilege or status under the law or regulations.

(r) *Regulation* means a rule which is established under the provisions of INA 104(a) and is duly published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(s) *Son or daughter* includes only a person who would have qualified as a "child" under INA 101(b)(1) if the person were under 21 and unmarried.

(t) *Western Hemisphere* means North America (including Central America), South America and the islands immediately adjacent thereto including the places named in INA 101(b)(5).

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§ 40.2 Documentation of nationals.

(a) *Nationals of the United States*. A national of the United States shall not be issued a visa or other documentation as an alien for entry into the United States.

(b) *Former Nationals of the United States*. A former national of the United States who seeks to enter the United States must comply with the documentary requirements applicable to aliens under the INA.

§ 40.3 Entry into areas under U.S. administration.

An immigrant or nonimmigrant seeking to enter an area which is under U.S. administration but which is not within the "United States", as defined in INA 101(a)(38), is not required by the INA to be documented with a visa unless the authority contained in INA 215 has been invoked.

§ 40.4 Furnishing records and information from visa files for court proceedings.

Upon receipt of a request for information from a visa file or record for use in court proceedings, as contemplated in INA 222(f), the consular officer must, prior to the release of the information, submit the request together with a full report to the Department.

§ 40.5 Limitations on the use of National Crime Information Center (NCIC) criminal history information.

(a) *Authorized access*. The FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) criminal history records are law enforcement sensitive and can only be

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accessed by authorized consular personnel with visa processing responsibilities.

(b) *Use of information.* NCIC criminal history record information shall be used solely to determine whether or not to issue a visa to an alien or to admit an alien to the United States. All third party requests for access to NCIC criminal history record information shall be referred to the FBI.

(c) *Confidentiality and protection of records.* To protect applicants' privacy, authorized Department personnel must secure all NCIC criminal history records, automated or otherwise, to prevent access by unauthorized persons. Such criminal history records must be destroyed, deleted or overwritten upon receipt of updated versions.

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§ 40.6 Basis for refusal.

A visa can be refused only upon a ground specifically set out in the law or implementing regulations. The term "reason to believe", as used in INA 221(g), shall be considered to require a determination based upon facts or circumstances which would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the applicant is ineligible to receive a visa as provided in the INA and as implemented by the regulations. Consideration shall be given to any evidence submitted indicating that the ground for a prior refusal of a visa may no longer exist. The burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish eligibility to receive a visa under INA 212 or any other provision of law or regulation.

§§ 40.7–40.8 [Reserved]

§ 40.9 Classes of inadmissible aliens.

Subparts B through L describe classes of inadmissible aliens who are ineligible to receive visas and who shall be ineligible for admission into the United States, except as otherwise provided in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

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Subpart B—Medical Grounds of Ineligibility

§ 40.11 Medical grounds of ineligibility.

(a) *Decision on eligibility based on findings of medical doctor.* A finding of a panel physician designated by the post in whose jurisdiction the examination is performed pursuant to INA 212(a)(1) shall be binding on the consular officer, except that the officer may refer a panel physician finding in an individual case to USPHS for review.

(b) *Waiver of ineligibility—INA 212(g).* If an immigrant visa applicant is inadmissible under INA 212(a)(1)(A)(i), (ii), or (iii) but is qualified to seek the benefits of INA 212(g)(1)(A) or (B), 212(g)(2)(C), or 212(g)(3), the consular officer shall inform the alien of the procedure for applying to INS for relief under the applicable provision of law. A visa may not be issued to the alien until the consular officer has received notification from INS of the approval of the alien's application under INA 212(g), unless the consular officer has been delegated authority by the Attorney General to grant the particular waiver under INA 212(g).

(c) *Waiver authority—INA 212(g)(2)(A) and (B).* The consular officer may waive section 212(a)(1)(A)(ii) visa ineligibility if the alien qualifies for such waiver under the provisions of INA 212(g)(2)(A) or (B).

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§§ 40.12–40.19 [Reserved]

Subpart C—Criminal and Related Grounds—Conviction of Certain Crimes

§ 40.21 Crimes involving moral turpitude and controlled substance violators.

(a) *Crimes involving moral turpitude—*
(1) *Acts must constitute a crime under criminal law of jurisdiction where they occurred.* A Consular Officer may make a finding of ineligibility under INA 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) based upon an alien's admission of the commission of acts