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USCIS Update

USCIS TO ADMINISTER ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will, beginning today, administer the Humanitarian Parole Program, the Moscow Refugee Parole Program and the Cuban Haitian Entrant Program. These programs were formerly administered by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Humanitarian parole is an extraordinary measure that is sparingly used on a case-by-case basis. All filing procedures will remain the same until further notice; applicants will continue to submit an *Application for Travel Document*, (Form I-131), a filing fee, and all required supporting documents to:

Department of Homeland Security Attn: Parole and Humanitarian Assistance Branch 425 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20536

The Moscow Refugee Parole Program offers parole to certain qualified applicants who are denied refugee status. Filing procedures have changed; individuals will now submit their *Affidavit of Support*, (Form I-134) with all required supporting documents to:

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services U.S. Embassy Moscow 8, B. Devyatinsky Per. Attn: AOS Processing Moscow, Russia 121099

Through grants and cooperative agreements, the Cuban Haitian Entrant Program provides transitional community-based refugee resettlement services to Cuban and Haitian nationals paroled into the United States. Apart from the transfer of administrative responsibility to USCIS, the program and mailing address remain the same.

In addition to these three programs, USCIS also administers the following humanitarian programs:

- Asylum
- Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA)
- Refugee
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA)
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Additional information on humanitarian programs is available on the USCIS web site: <u>www.uscis.gov.</u>