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Public Notice

USCIS Reaches Special Immigrant Translator Cap for FY 2007

Will stop accepting new petitions on November 17, 2006

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today it has received enough petitions requesting special immigrant status from Afghan and Iraqi translators to meet this year's visa cap. Congress established the special program to allow up to 50 Afghan and Iraqi nationals, who have worked directly with the U.S. military as a translator, to immigrate to the United States each year.

USCIS will continue accepting new filings until November 17, 2006 and will return new filings received after that date. USCIS will process petitions received before the cut-off date for the next available visa cycle.

For information on approved petitions or the immigrant visa process for interpreter/translator cases, contact the Department of State Visa Office at 202-663-1225, or e-mail: usvisa@state.gov. Information is also available on the U.S. Embassy Baghdad and U.S. Embassy Kabul websites.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing our nation's security.