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# USCIS Update

## **USCIS ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PREMIUM PROCESSING SERVICE FOR FORM I-140 IMMIGRANT ALIEN WORKER PETITIONS**

WASHINGTON- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today an extension of the temporary suspension of Premium Processing Service for Form I-140, Immigrant Alien Worker Petitions, which was previously announced on June 27, 2007 and became effective on July 2, 2007. USCIS anticipates that the volume of Form I-140 petitions filed that request Premium Process Service will continue to exceed USCIS' capacity to provide the Premium Process Service according to the Premium Process Service program guidelines.

Premium Processing Service guarantees that within 15 calendar days of receipt of a petition, USCIS will issue an approval or denial notice, a notice of intent to deny, a request for evidence or open an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation.

This suspension will continue until further notice. USCIS will continue to evaluate whether it is able to process these cases within 15 calendar days of receipt. If so, Premium Processing Service will once again be made available for Form I-140 petitions.

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