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USCIS Issues Correction of Previous Guidance Regarding Form I-140 Immigrant Alien Worker Filings with Labor Certification Substitution Requests

WASHINGTON – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today that it will accept labor certification substitution requests in the context of Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, filings that it receives on Monday, July 16, 2007. USCIS previously announced, on May 24, 2007, that it would reject all labor certification substitution requests filed on or after the effective date of the Department of Labor (DOL) substitutions regulation, which is July 16, 2007. The new DOL regulations prohibit substitution of an alien beneficiary on any application for permanent labor certification *after* July 16, 2007. The new procedures outlined in [the previous USCIS announcement](#) will now take effect on July 17, 2007 instead of July 16, 2007.

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