

**9 FAM 42.32(d)(11)
FOURTH PREFERENCE--SPECIAL
IMMIGRANTS--CERTAIN IRAQI
NATIONALS WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED
BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT IN IRAQ**

*(CT:VISA-1188; 04-15-2009)
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**9 FAM 42.32(d)(11) RELATED STATUTORY
PROVISIONS**

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Section 1244 of Public Law 110-181, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, authorizes special immigrant status (SQ1) for certain Iraqi nationals who have been employed by or on behalf of the United States Government in Iraq on or after March 20, 2003, for a period of not less than one year ("special immigrant status"). Section 2 of Public Law 110-242 authorizes the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security to convert an approved petition for SI1 special immigrant status under section 1059 of Public Law 109-163, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, with respect to which a visa is not immediately available, to a petition for SQ1 status under section 1244 notwithstanding the qualification criteria for SQ1 status.

Section 602(b) of Division F, Title VI, of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Public Law 111-8, authorizes SQ1 for Afghan nationals who have been employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government in Afghanistan on or after October 7, 2001, for a period of not less than one year.