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Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to the following sections:

9 FAM 41.57 Notes,

- N4 Requirements for Approving International Cultural Exchange Programs
- N6.2 Approved Petition Is Prima Facie Evidence of Entitlement to Q Classification
- N7.1 Same Petition Used for Approval of Program and for Participants
- N7.3 Substituting Beneficiaries
- N10.2 Evidence Forming Basis for Q Visa Issuance
- N10.4 Consular Consolidated Database (CCD) Access to Approved Nonimmigrant Visa (NIV) Petitions
- N10.8 Limitation of Q Visas

9 FAM 41.61 Notes,

- N2.2 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Record is Definitive Record

- N2.3 The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Fee
- N3.6 Student Must Present Form I-20 at Port of Entry (POE)
- N7.2 Choice of Academic Institution
- N9.1-1 bGeneral
- N13.5 Optional Practical Training
- N13.5-1 Extension of OPT for Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) Students

9 FAM 41.61 Procedural Notes,

- PN1.1 Removed this subheading: Visas Limited When Bond Required
- PN2 DHS Notified When Visa

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