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9 FAM 42.21 NOTES

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to 9 FAM 42.21 Notes. Minor changes were made to references and language as part of CA/VO's annual FAM review. In addition, section N14.8-2, Adoption or Custody Order Issued Before Issuance of Article 5/17 Letter, was added, and the material in section N14.8 was renumbered to N14.8-1.
2. Crosswalk for 9 FAM 42.21 Notes

Old Location	New Location
N14.8, Article 5 Letter (Step 5 of 9)	N14.8-1, Processing Article 5 Letter

3. Current changes are shown in *italic* and *dark magenta* to make it easier for the reader to identify them. However, if 50% or more of the subchapter is being revised, the *italic* and *dark magenta* can make it harder to identify changes. In those cases, normal black font is used throughout.
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