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Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to 9 FAM 41.3 Notes

Minor updates to language, formatting, and references were made as part of CA's annual FAM review. In addition, section N5, Issuing Visas to Aliens Entitled to Documentary Waiver, was removed.

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