

## **9 FAM 42.73**

# **PROCEDURES IN ISSUING VISAS**

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## **9 FAM 42.73 RELATED STATUTORY PROVISION**

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See INA 221(a) (8 U.S.C. 1201(a)).

### **INA 221(a)**

- a. (1) Under the conditions hereinafter prescribed and subject to the limitations prescribed in this Act or regulations issued thereunder, a consular officer may issue
  - (A) to an immigrant who has made proper application therefore, an immigrant visa which shall consist of the application provided for in section 222, visaed by such consular officer, and shall specify the foreign state, if any, to which the immigrant is charged, the immigrant's particular status under such foreign state, the preference, immediate relative, or special immigrant classification to which the alien is charged, the date on which the validity of the visa shall expire, and such additional information as may be required; and (B) 1a/ to a nonimmigrant who has made proper application therefore, a nonimmigrant visa, which shall specify the classification under section 101(a)(15) of the nonimmigrant, the period during which the nonimmigrant visa shall be valid, and such additional information as may be required.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall provide to the Service an electronic version of the visa file of each alien who has been issued a visa to ensure that the data in that visa file is available to immigration inspectors at the United States ports of entry before the arrival of the alien at such a port of entry.

## **9 FAM 42.73 RELATED REGULATORY PROVISION**

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See 22 CFR 42.73.