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## 9 FAM 41.84 NOTES

### Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to **9 FAM 41.84 Notes**.  
Section N2, Defining “Severe Form of Trafficking in Persons,” was rewritten. Section N3, Qualifying for T Visa Status, was also rewritten.  
Plain language and clarifying changes were made throughout.
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