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Notice: Travel Warning

The Mexican Central Authority is implementing a process for evaluating U.S. Hague accredited adoption service providers for authorization to provide services in Mexico. The Mexican Central Authority has informed the U.S. Central Authority that only those U.S. Hague accredited adoption service providers which it has also evaluated and authorized may provide adoption services in Mexico. The Mexican Central Authority may not be able to issue key Hague certifications, including the Article 23 certificate, for adoptions handled by adoption service providers which it has not authorized. Therefore, prior to filing an application for an intercountry adoption in Mexico, prospective adoptive parents are advised to check with the Mexican Central Authority for updated information about its authorized adoption service providers.

The Mexican Central Authority for Adoptions is the Secretary for Exterior Relations, or the Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE). The SRE implements the Hague Convention through the National System for the Full Development of the Family, or the Sistema Nacional de Desarollo Integral de la Familia (DIF). The SRE is responsible for policy and issues key documentation certifying Hague compliance, including the Article 23 Certificate that the adoption or grant of custody occurred in compliance with the Convention.

For more information regarding the Mexican Central Authority and intercountry adoption processing in Mexico please refer to the Mexico adoption flyer on adoption.state.gov.