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Notice: Malian Law Restricts Intercountry Adoptions

In December 2011, the Malian National Assembly passed a new Code of Person and the Family. The Code includes a provision that only Malian citizens will be able to complete intercountry or domestic adoptions from Mali. In the case of couples planning to adopt, both members of the couple must be Malian citizens. Note: We understand that the law may allow Malian citizens who are also dual U.S. citizens to adopt.

The Department of State will provide updated information on [adoption.state.gov](#) as it becomes available. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to AdoptionUSCA@state.gov.