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Alert: Mexico adoption visas to be processed in Ciudad Juarez, effective January 2, 2015

Effective January 2, 2015, all intercountry adoption visa applications will be processed by the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez. Intercountry adoption visas include all Hague Adoption Convention (Convention) I-800 petitions for IH3 and IH4 visas, as well as any remaining I-600 petitions for IR3 and IR4 visas. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City will continue to adjudicate all intercountry adoption visa applications through the end of December 2014. Once the change is effective on January 2, 2015, the Immigrant Visa Unit in Ciudad Juarez will be the only immigrant visa processing post in Mexico.

All other aspects of the Convention adoption process in Mexico remain the same, including applying for the Article 23 Hague Certificate from the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the *Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores* (SRE) in Mexico City. After completing the adoption and obtaining a new birth certificate and passport for their adopted child(ren), adoptive parents should plan to appear before the SRE in Mexico City in order to apply for the required Article 23 certificate. Once the SRE issues the Article 23, adoptive parents may then travel to Ciudad Juarez to complete the visa application. For information about the process for applying for an immigrant visa in Ciudad Juarez please see [information on immigrant visas](#) on U.S. Consulate Ciudad Juarez's website.

The Office of Children's Issues will be reaching out to the U.S. adoption service providers authorized to provide services in Mexico to discuss this change in further detail, and will publish additional updated information as we receive it. If you have any further questions please write to us at AdoptionUSCA@state.gov or call us at 1-888-407-4747.