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SUBJECT: Revised Form I-600 and Form I-600A

1. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recently updated the Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative and Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition. Petitioners may continue to use previous versions until March 23, 2015, at which point only the most current version will be accepted. Posts can continue to process previous versions of the forms that were filed on or prior to March 23, 2015.
2. The new forms incorporate changes required by the Universal Accreditation Act (UAA) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). The UAA changes include: a Duty of Disclosure section, information about the home-study preparer and/or the adoption service provider, previous adoption-related filings and respective outcomes, and number of adult members of the household. The CAA altered the orphan definition to require that, in a married couple, only one adoptive parent personally see and observe the child before or during the adoption proceedings in order to qualify for an IR-3 classification, instead of both parents.
3. The Form I-600A must be filed with USCIS. 9 FAM 42.21 N13.4-2 provides more information on filing of the Form I-600, including local filing with a consular officer abroad.

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