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U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CIS) ANNOUNCES THE H-2B CAP HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THE SECOND HALF OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 (APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006)

Relief May Depend on the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006

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On April 6, 2006, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) announced that enough H-2B petitions have been received to fully exhaust the H-2B cap for the second half of Fiscal Year 2006 (April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006). The CIS will no longer accept new petition filings seeking an H-2B start date prior to October 1, 2006.

Petitions for “returning workers” and “change of employer” petitions are exempt from the H-2B cap. The CIS will continue to accept such petitions on behalf of such workers who were counted under the H-2B cap in the previous three Fiscal Years.

For more information regarding H-2B petitioning process or to initiate an H-2B petition for an exempt beneficiary, contact your Tindall & Foster Immigration Attorney. He or she will be able to assist you in determining eligibility for an exemption from the H-2B cap and in developing appropriate case strategies for qualified beneficiaries.