



VISA ISSUANCE DELAYS MOSTLY RESOLVED

On August 13th, the Department of State (DOS) announced that it has made "significant progress" in bringing back online the Consular Consolidated Database (CCD), which is used to print visa stamps and issue passports.

The DOS, which previously reported a system crash in July that resulted in system outages and visa issuance delays, now reports that most posts have caught up with issuances, and the Department is working to bring the CCD back to full operational capacity. "We continue to prioritize immigrant visas, adoption cases, and emergency nonimmigrant visa cases. We are printing visas for these cases and all cases with very few delays," a DOS statement noted. For information on specific cases, the agency advises checking with the embassy or consulate where the person will apply or has scheduled an interview.

FosterQuan will continue to monitor the ongoing visa situation and will provide additional updates as information becomes available. If you or your employees are affected by the DOS delays, please contact your FosterQuan attorney to review potential options. Future updates will be made available in FosterQuan Immigration Updates® and on our firm's website at www.fosterquan.com.