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**U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CIS) REMINDS APPLICANTS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS TO APPLY FOR ADVANCE PAROLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS EARLY, IN ADVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON**

**Increased Filings Prior to Holiday Travel Could Lengthen Adjudication Time Frames**

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U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) has issued a press release reminding Applicants for Adjustment of Status and others who are eligible to for Advance Parole Travel Documents to apply for them early, in advance of the upcoming holiday travel season. The CIS recommends that Applications for Advance Parole Travel Documents be submitted by the end of October 2006 in order to maximize the chance of receiving the approved documents prior to the holiday rush.

Applications for Advance Parole Travel Documents must be filed while the applicant is physically present in the United States. Further, in order to use an Advance Parole Travel Document for reentry into the United States, the CIS takes the position that the document must have been issued before the applicant's departure.

Applicants for Adjustment of Status who maintain lawful H or L nonimmigrant status are reminded that they may travel internationally without an Advance Parole Travel Document and without abandoning their Applications to Adjust Status so long as they are able to present their valid H or L visas, original H or L approval notices, and the original I-485 Receipt Notices for the Application to Adjust Status upon reentry into the United States.

Should you have questions regarding whether your company's employees have all necessary documentation required for upcoming international travel, please contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney well in advance of anticipated departure dates. Your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney will be able to assist in the preparation of any necessary applications and can help you prepare the company's employees for visa application abroad, and for reentry into the United States with their visas or Advance Parole Travel Documents.