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## EB-2 AND EB-3 VISA AVAILABILITY ADVANCES MODESTLY FOR INDIA, CHINA, AND MEXICO

Each month the U.S. Department of State (DOS) publishes the [Monthly Visa Bulletin](#), reporting current immigrant visa availability under the annual quota system for U.S. immigration. In the March 2009 Visa Bulletin, the U.S. DOS reports a modest advance in immigrant visa availability under the Employment-Based, Second (EB-2) Preference category for Applicants born in China and India. The EB-2 China date has moved to February 15, 2005 (from January 1, 2005 last month) and EB-2 India has moved to February 14, 2004 (from January 1, 2004 last month). Additionally, availability under the EB-3 Preference category advanced three weeks to October 22, 2002, for Applicants born in China, and just over four months to August 15, 2003, for Applicants born in Mexico. The EB-3 “Other Worker” category advanced three weeks to October 22, 2002, for Applicants born in China, and approximately 18 months to March 15, 2003, for Applicants born in Mexico.

For more information on any of these employment-based classifications, or to initiate the permanent residency process and establish a priority date for a foreign national employee, contact your Foster Quan immigration attorney. Your Foster Quan immigration attorney will be able to assist you by developing a case-specific strategy for pursuit of permanent residency under an appropriate employment-based category for your company’s employees. As always, we will continue to monitor changes in immigrant visa availability and will make further information available in future Immigration Updates<sup>©</sup> and on our website at [www.fosterquan.com](http://www.fosterquan.com).