

IMMIGRATION UPDATE©

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U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CIS) UPDATES CAP COUNT, ANNOUNCES CONTINUED ACCEPTANCE OF REGULAR H-1B CAP AND MASTERS CAP CASES

As of June 19, 2009, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) updated the H-1B cap count to 44,500, meaning approximately 20,000 H-1B numbers remain available for H-1B employment in Fiscal Year 2010. The CIS continues to receive and accept new H-1B petitions seeking H-1B numbers for Fiscal Year 2010 (October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010) under both the Regular H-1B Cap and the U.S. Masters Cap.

Because neither H-1B cap has been reached, it is still possible to prepare and file new H-1B petitions. Employers wishing to initiate a new H-1B petition under the FY-2010 cap should contact their Foster Quan immigration attorney. As always, Foster Quan will monitor developments in connection with the FY-2010 H-1B Regular Cap and U.S. Masters Cap and will make future information available on our firm's website.