



This Immigration Update[®] from FosterQuan, LLP contains important information regarding the following:

1. USCIS IMPLEMENTS DOCUMENT DELIVERY TRACKING

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) has announced full implementation of the Secure Main Initiative (SMI), which uses the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation to deliver certain immigration documents. The SMI allows CIS to confirm delivery of permanent resident cards and documents pertaining to travel and employment authorization such as Advance Parole and Employment Authorization Document (EAD) cards, and will allow customers to stay up-to-date on the delivery status of these documents.

Upon obtaining a notice of approval, customers can contact CIS at 800-375-5283 to get a tracking number for the documents that will be sent to them, along with information regarding delivery status. CIS advises customers to wait at least two weeks after receiving their approval notice before calling for information regarding their cases. In many cases, after a two-week wait, the document in question will already have arrived. Thus, the document tracking service can serve to identify problems when documents are late or have been returned due to an incorrect address or other delivery issue.

When requesting tracking information, callers must provide information from their receipt notice which they received when they submitted their initial application. Once the customer is given the tracking number, they can track the delivery status by visiting the [USPS website](#) and entering their USPS tracking number into the “Track & Confirm” field.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to provide updates concerning CIS procedural changes via future Immigration Updates[®] and on our firm’s [website](#).

2. EB-2 IMMIGRANT VISA AVAILABILITY ADVANCES FOR INDIA & CHINA

The Department of State (DOS) recently released the [June 2011 visa bulletin](#), which indicates an advancement of three-months in the cut-off date for employment-based second preference (EB-2) applicants born in India. DOS has advanced the EB-2 preference category for India due to lower than expected demand under the EB-2 category by applicants “upgrading” their status from the employment-based third preference (EB-3) to the EB-2 preference. DOS concluded that the demand for “upgrading” was minimal in the last month, and thus was able to advance the EB-2 cut-off date for India in the June 2011 Monthly Visa Bulletin.

The same EB-2 cut-off date (October 15, 2006) applies to applicants born in both China and India. Other second preference categories are current.

Please be advised that cut-off date movement for upcoming months cannot be guaranteed, and as such employment-based second preference demand may slow, stop, or even retrogress. As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor the Department of State's Monthly Visa Bulletin and will provide additional information as appropriate via our firm's [website](#) and future Immigration Updates©.