

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SERVICE CENTER DIRECTORS

For the purposes of the implementation of Section 245(i) of the INA, as amended by the LIFE Act, the term "postmark" means a stamp or other mark of cancellation placed on an envelope or package by the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Field Offices and Service Centers must retain evidence of the mailing date as 9 must rejDirordor

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D. Metered Mail:

Applications and petitions received in envelopes with metered postage, shall be considered timely received if:

- a) There is a USPS cancellation postmark dated on or before April 30, 2001, or
- b) No USPS cancellation postmark is present but the metered date is on or before April 30, 2001 **and** the envelope is received on or before May 3, 2001.

Any petitions received on or after May 1, 2001 that meet the criteria should be stamped with the "Filed Prior to 245(i) Sunset" stamp.

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Memorandum for Regional, District and Service Center Directors
Subject: Field Guidance regarding Sunset deadline for LIFE Act

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Service Centers should accept all properly filed applications or petitions indicated above, without