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USCIS REMINDS CUSTOMERS OF FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Washington, D.C.— U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds its customers that beginning tomorrow a revised fee structure takes effect for immigration benefits. The new fee structure adds an average of \$10 to each application and petition in order to account for inflation. Fees collected from persons filing immigration benefit applications and petitions are used to fund the full cost of providing immigration benefits, including the full cost of providing benefits such as asylum and refugee admission for which no fee is charged.

The fees were last adjusted in April 2004 to account for additional security enhancements performed on all immigration benefits after September 11, 2001 and other costs. The new fee structure reflects an inflation adjustment, as required by the April 2004 fee rule, to be published by notice in the *Federal Register* for periods on or after October 1, 2005.

The new fee structure was originally announced in the *Federal Register* on September 26, 2005. More information about the increase is available from the home page of the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.