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USCIS Update

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USCIS TO ACCEPT H-1B PETITIONS FOR FY2008 ON APRIL 2

Advises Petitioners to Follow Regulatory Requirements

WASHINGTON - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin accepting H-1B petitions subject to the fiscal year 2008 (FY08) H-1B cap on Monday, April 2, 2007. USCIS will not reject cases delivered during the weekend (March 31 or April 1). Instead, USCIS will treat those petitions as if they arrived on April 2. The deciding factor for USCIS is when the agency takes possession on the petition and not when the petition was postmarked.

USCIS will monitor cap cases closely and will inform the public of the date the agency has received enough petitions to meet the FY08 H-1B cap. After that date, known as the "final receipt date," USCIS will not accept any additional petitions requesting H-1B cases that apply against the FY08 congressionally mandated cap.

For more information about the H-1B program and for filing updates, visit <http://www.uscis.gov> or call the National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283.

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