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NEWSLETTER

1.) U.S. Department of State (DOS) Releases the June 2010 Visa Bulletin

On May 12, 2010, the U.S. Department of State (DOS) issued the Visa Bulletin for June 2010. The China, EB-3 category moved forward by a month, compared to last month's bulletin. Priority dates for the India, EB-3 category also advanced by three weeks. However, the priority dates for the Mexico EB-3 category are listed as unavailable for the month of June.

http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_4879.html

2.) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Redesigns the Alien Resident Card, a.k.a. "Green Card"

On May 11, 2010, USCIS announced the redesign of the alien resident card, a.k.a., "green card". The new alien resident card will now be colored green in keeping with the nickname of this important document. USCIS reformatted the alien resident card in order to incorporate several major new security features. The new redesign is the latest advance in agency's ongoing efforts to deter immigration fraud. State-of-the-art technology incorporated into the new card prevents counterfeiting, obstructs tampering, and facilitates quick and accurate authentication. Beginning on May 11, 2010, USCIS will issue all alien resident cards for new legal permanent residents in the updated, more secure format. As for older versions of the green card, USCIS will issue updated cards in the new format as individuals apply for renewal or replacement cards. For a color representation of the new alien resident card, please access the following link:

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=79bd3893c4888210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=a2dd6d26d17df110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD>

3.) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Announces Latest FY 2011 H-1B Filing Numbers

The H-1B cap subject nonimmigrant numbers are capped at approximately 65,000 per fiscal year, with an additional 20,000 set aside for H-1B cap exempt foreign nationals who possess master's degrees or higher from a US institution. USCIS announced that as of May 14, 2010, approximately 19,000 H-1B cap-subject petitions and 8,100 H-1B cap exempt petitions have been filed since April 1, 2010. If you would like to pursue a petition for H-1B status for an individual, or you would like to discuss other available nonimmigrant options, please contact your designated MMH Attorney.

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=73566811264a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD>

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