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**§ 322.1 [Reserved]**

**§ 322.2 Eligibility.**

(a) *General.* To be eligible for naturalization under section 322 of the Act, a child on whose behalf an application for naturalization has been filed by a parent who is, at the time of filing, a citizen of the United States, must:

(1) Be unmarried and under 18 years of age, both at the time of application and at the time of admission to citizenship;

(2) Reside permanently in the United States, in the physical and legal custody of the applying citizen parent, pursuant to a lawful admission for permanent residence;

(3) Be a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and favorably disposed toward the good order and happiness of the United States; a child under the age of fourteen will generally be presumed to satisfy this requirement;

(4) Comply with all other requirements for naturalization as provided in the Act and in part 316 of this chapter, including the disqualifications contained in sections 313, 314, 315, and 318 of the Act, except:

(i) The child is not required to satisfy the residence requirements under §316.2(a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), or (a)(6) of this chapter; and,

(ii) The child is exempt from the literacy and knowledge requirements under section 312 of the Act.

(b) *Definition of Child.* For purposes of this part,

(1) *The definition of child includes:*

(i) A legitimate child;

(ii) A child who is legitimated before the child reaches age 16 under the laws of the child's residence or domicile, or under the laws of the father's residence or domicile, whether inside or outside of the United States, if such legitimation takes place while the child is in the legal custody of the legitimating parent or parents at the time of such legitimation;

(iii) An illegitimate child if the application is being submitted by the child's natural mother; or

(iv) A child who is adopted before the child reaches age 16.

(2) *The definition of child does not include:*

(i) A stepchild; or

(ii) An illegitimate child, except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section, even if the child is recognized but not legitimated by the father.

(c) *Adopted children of a parent who meets the criteria of section 319(b)(1) of the Act.* An adopted child who is in the United States at the time of naturalization is also exempt from the residence requirements of §316.2(a)(5) of this chapter if the child's adoptive citizen parent:

(1) Meets the criteria of section 319(b)(1) of the Act;

(2) Applies for naturalization of the child under section 322(c) of the Act; and

(3) Declares before the Service an intention in good faith to take up residence within the United States immediately upon termination of employment described in section 319(b)(1)(B) of the Act.

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**§ 322.3 Jurisdiction for filing application.**

(a) The application for naturalization under section 322(a) of the Act must be filed with the office of the Service having jurisdiction over the place of residence of the child and the child's citizen parent.

(b) An application for naturalization under section 322(c) of the Act and §322.2(c) may be filed in any office of the Service without regard to residence.

**§ 322.4 Application and examination on the application.**

(a) An application for naturalization under this section in behalf of a child shall be submitted on Form N-400 by the citizen parent. If the child is over the age of fourteen, Form FD-258, fingerprint card, must accompany the application.

(b) The application must be accompanied by proof of:

(1) The child's admission for lawful permanent residence;

(2) The applying citizen parent's United States citizenship; and

(3) The relationship between the child and applying citizen parent.

(c) In the case of an applicant under section 322(c) of the Act, the citizen parent shall also submit a statement of intent containing the following information about the citizen parent's employment and the child's intentions following naturalization:

(1) The name of the employer and either the nature of the employer's business, or the ministerial, religious, or missionary activity in which the employer is engaged;

(2) Whether the employing entity is owned in whole or in part by United States interests;

(3) Whether the employing entity is engaged in whole or in part in the development of the foreign trade and commerce of the United States;

(4) The nature of the activity in which the citizen parent is engaged;

(5) The anticipated period of employment abroad;

(6) The child's intention to reside abroad with the citizen parent; and

(7) Whether the citizen parent intends to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment abroad of the citizen parent.

(d) In the case of a citizen parent whose employment abroad is in connection with his or her membership in the Armed Forces of the United States, a properly executed DD Form 1278 will satisfy the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.

(e) The child and the citizen parent must both appear at the examination on the application.

**§ 322.5 Oath of allegiance.**

(a) A child, as defined in § 322.2(b), must take the oath of allegiance in compliance with part 337 of this chapter, if the child is capable of understanding the meaning of the oath.

(b) If the child is not exempt from the requirement to take the oath of allegiance, the citizen parent must be present at the oath taking ceremony, unless such parent has been excused for good cause.

**PART 324—SPECIAL CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE NATURALIZED: WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE AND FORMER CITIZENS WHOSE NATURALIZATION IS AUTHORIZED BY PRIVATE LAW**

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**§ 324.1 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

*Oath* means the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed in section 337 of the Act.

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**§ 324.2 Former citizen at birth or by naturalization.**

(a) *Eligibility.* To be eligible for naturalization under section 324(a) of the Act, an applicant must establish that she:

(1) Was formerly a United States citizen;

(2) Lost or may have lost United States citizenship:

(i) Prior to September 22, 1922, by marriage to an alien, or by the loss of United States citizenship of the applicant's spouse; or