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Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Direct Mail Program for the Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, and New York District Offices; Form N-400

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of expansion of the Direct Mail Program.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Immigration and Naturalization Service's (the "Service") plan to expand the Direct Mail Program to include the filing of Form N-400, Application for Naturalization. The Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, and New York District Offices will be the pilot sites for this expanded program. Under this pilot program:

(1) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, currently filed with the Service's Los Angeles District Office must be mailed directly to the California Service Center;

(2) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, currently filed with the Service's Miami District Office must be mailed directly to the Texas Service Center;

(3) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, currently filed with the Chicago District Office must be mailed directly to the Nebraska Service Center;

(4) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, currently filed with the New York District Office must be mailed directly to the Vermont Service Center.

These changes will reduce processing times for adjudicating applications for naturalization, enable the Service to provide applicants with more information regarding their case status in a more efficient and expeditious manner, and limit the number of in-person visits to local Service offices, thereby improving the Service's ability to provide service to its customers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective January 31, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Arroyo, Adjudications Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Adjudications Division, 425 I Street, NW., Room 3214, Washington, DC 20536, telephone, (202) 514-5014.

ADDRESSES: The Service welcomes comments about this program and will

make appropriate changes before adopting it nationwide. Written comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 1996.

Please submit any written comments you may have concerning the expansion of the Direct Mail Program, in triplicate, to the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Room 5307, Washington, DC 20536, Attention Public Comment Clerk. To ensure proper handling, please reference INS No. 1745-95 on your correspondence. Comments are available for public inspection at the above address by calling (202) 514-3048 to arrange an appointment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 8 CFR 103.2(a), applications submitted to the Service must be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the application form. This was promulgated by an interim regulation published in the Federal Register, in order to improve the Service's ability to provide service to its customers in the most efficient and expeditious manner possible. See 59 FR 33903-33906 (July 1, 1994). By eliminating specific references to filing locations, the interim rule provides Service Center directors with the authority to accept and process applications designated for Direct Mail. It also provides the Service with the flexibility to shift filings to the Service Centers as it continues to expand the Direct Mail Program.

On July 1, 1994, the Service also published a public notice in the Federal Register at 59 FR 33985-33986 to implement a pilot Direct Mail Program in the Baltimore District Office. That pilot program has been very successful and has achieved the intended results of improving public service and reducing burdensome filing procedures at the Baltimore District Office.

Based on the success of the pilot program at the Baltimore District Office, the Service has now decided to expand the Direct Mail Program to include the direct mailing of the Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, currently being filed at the Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, and New York District Offices, to the appropriate Service Center. Expansion of the Direct Mail Program with respect to the filing of the Form N-400 is consistent with the Service's objective of streamlining the naturalization process to better serve the public. By shifting the Form N-400's to Direct Mail, the Service will be able to improve the productivity and timeliness of application processing, and provide more information about case status through receipt and other notices. To

effect this expansion of the Direct Mail Program, the Service is amending the instructions on the Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, accordingly. The fee for filing an Application for Naturalization, Form N-400 will remain the same.

Where To File

Effective January 31, 1996:

(1) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, for persons residing within the jurisdiction of the Miami District Office must be mailed directly to the following address: USINS Texas Service Center, P.O. Box 152122, Irving, Texas 75015-2122.

(2) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, for persons residing within the jurisdiction of the Chicago District Office must be mailed directly to the following address: USINS Nebraska Service Center, P.O. Box 87400, Lincoln, NE 68508-7400.

(3) Form N-400, Application For Naturalization, for persons residing within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles District Office must be mailed directly to the following address: USINS California Service Center, P.O. Box 10400, 24000 Avila Road, Laguna Nigel, California 92607-0400.

(4) Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, for persons residing within the jurisdiction of the New York District Office must be mailed directly to the following address: USINS Vermont Service Center, 75 Lower Weldon Street, St. Albans, Vermont 05479-0001.

Transition

During the first 60 days following the effective date of this notice, the Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, and New York District Offices will forward in a timely fashion to the appropriate Service Center any Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, which has been inadvertently filed with the respective District Office. When applications are forwarded from the District Offices, they will be receipted and filed when they arrive at the Service Center. After the 60 day transition period, applicants attempting to file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, will be directed to mail their application to the appropriate Service Center for processing.

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Naturalization Service.*

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