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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Regulatory Changes

- Release No. 227 includes regulatory changes published in the Federal Register through September 30, 2014. See below for details of what is included in this release.

### 8 CFR (Volume 1)

**Designation of Temporary Immigration Judges.** See new 8 CFR § 1003.10(e), which provides for the designation of temporary immigration judges. This provision was added by EOIR rule published 79 FR 39953, July 11, 2014.

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)-Only Transitional Worker Numerical Limitation for Fiscal Year 2015.** The FY 2015 numerical limitation was set at 13,999 by publication in the Federal Register, September 29, 2014, 79 FR 58241. The numerical limitation has been added to the footnote which lists annual numerical limitations, located at 8 CFR § 214.2(w)(1)(viii)(C).

**Closing of Border Crossing, Jamison's Line, New York.** By DHS-CBP rule published at 79 FR 42449, July 22, 2014, the Jamison Line, New York, border crossing was removed from listing set forth in 8 CFR § 100.4. The list of ports in 8 CFR § 100.4(a) was amended by removing "Jamison's Line, NY" from the list of Class B ports of entry under District No. 7—Buffalo, New York.

### DOS Regulations (Volume 2)

**"IB5" Immigrant Visa Classification Symbol added to 22 CFR § 42.11.** By rule published at 79 FR 32481, June 5, 2014, the Department of State amended 22 CFR § 42.11 by adding the classification symbol "IB5, Self-petition Parent of U.S. Citizen", under the Immediate Relatives category. As explained in the published rule, the symbol was added pursuant to Section 816 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005, Title VIII of Public Law 109-62, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(vii), which created an immigrant visa classification for the parents of U.S. citizens, and the parents of

former U.S. citizens who, within the past two years, have lost or renounced U.S. citizenship status related to an incident of domestic violence or died.

**Fees for Consular Services.** By rule published at 79 FR 51247, September 3, 2014, the Department of State amended certain Consular Fees set forth under 22 CFR § 22.1. These included the following numbered items in 22 CFR § 22.1:

- Item 8.** Administrative Processing of Formal Renunciation of U.S. Citizenship
- Item 21.** Nonimmigrant Visa Application and Border Crossing Card Processing Fees (per person)
- Item 32.** Immigrant Visa Application Processing Fee (per person)
- Item 34.** Affidavit of Support Review (only when reviewed domestically)
- Item 35.** Special Visa Services
- Item 36.** This item was made vacant by the amendment. Item 36 previously set forth the fee for Immigrant

visa security surcharge.

**Item 75. Consular Time Charges**

**Adoptions: Regulatory Change To Clarify Application of the Accreditation Requirement and Standards in Cases Covered by the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act.** By rule published at 79 FR 40629, July 14, 2014, the Department of State regulations at 22 CFR §§ 96.1 et seq. were amended to reflect the requirement of the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012 (UAA) that the accreditation standards developed in accordance with the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Convention) and the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA), which previously applied only in Convention adoption cases, now apply also in non-Convention adoption cases. Nonconvention adoption cases are known as “orphan” cases, defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The amendments also revise the accreditation rule by referring to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Convention home study regulation and deleting obsolete references, such as any reference to temporary accreditation.

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