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April 30 Deadline Approaching Relating To Section 245(i) Adjustment of Status

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is reminding the public that there is a very short window of opportunity, which ends April 30, 2001, for individuals to preserve their eligibility to file for adjustment of status under Section 245(i). The Legal Immigration Family Equity Act and Amendments (LIFE Act), enacted on December 21, 2000, extend Section 245(i) adjustment of status through April 30, 2001.

It is not necessary to apply for Section 245(i) adjustment of status on or before April 30, 2001. However, eligible persons must have either an immigrant visa petition filed on their behalf with the INS—or a labor certification application filed on their behalf with the Department of Labor (DOL)—by that date. The immigrant visa petition must be either received by the INS or, if mailed, postmarked on or before April 30, 2001. The labor certification application must be filed with DOL according to DOL rules on or before April 30, 2001.

More specific information and forms regarding Section 245(i) adjustment of status are available through the agency's Web site, www.ins.usdoj.gov, (forms can be downloaded from the site) and toll-free customer telephone service 1-800-375-5283.