

9 FAM Update for L Visa Annotation

Reference Document: STATE 045121, 5/10

1. The FAM change below is being made to clarify that posts may annotate blanket L visas with the name of the actual employer on the I-129-S even if that subsidiary or affiliate employer name is not in PIMS. This clarification is being made because recently some blanket L visas were annotated with the name of the parent company and not the actual employer.

2. 9 FAM 41.54 N14.6 Issuing L Visa Under Blanket Petition Procedure

You may grant L classification only in clearly approvable applications. Annotate the visa with "Blanket L-1" for the principal alien and "Blanket L-2" for any derivative spouse or child. The annotation should also state the name of the company or subsidiary that the applicant will be primarily working for, even though the subsidiary as named on Form I-129-S (Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition), may or may not be the company named in PIMS. You should also endorse all copies of the alien's Form I-129-S, retain one copy, and return the original and other copy to the applicant. At the POE, DHS will stamp the original and copy of Form I-129-S to show a validity period not to exceed three years and send the copy to the appropriate DHS Regional Service Center for control purposes.