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USCIS LISTS FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND GEOGRAPHIC ENTITIES HAVING NO AVAILBALE CHILD ABUSE REGISTRIES

WASHINGTON — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services reminds customers preparing paperwork for adoptions from Hague Convention countries of the need to check available child abuse registries for potential adoptive parents and other adult household members who have lived in foreign countries. This is a reporting requirement for the home study which must be attached to the Form I-800A, *Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country*.

USCIS, in cooperation with the Department of State, has developed a list of countries and geographic entities confirmed to have no child abuse registry information available. This list contains the most recent information currently available to USCIS, and is subject to change. If a home study preparer finds that a country on this list has established an appropriate registry, he or she must address that information in the home study.

Afghanistan	El Salvador	Korea, North	Sao Tome and Principe
Andorra	Eritrea	Korea, South	Saudi Arabia
Argentina	Estonia	Kosovo	Senegal
Armenia	Ethiopia	Latvia	Seychelles
Australia	Fiji	Liberia	Sierra Leone
Austria	Finland	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Bahamas	France	Macedonia	Somalia
Bangladesh	Gabon	Malaysia	South Africa
Belgium	Georgia	Mauritius	Spain
Belize	Germany	Micronesia, Federated States	Sri Lanka
Benin	Ghana	Moldova	Sudan
Bermuda	Greece	Mongolia	Sweden
Bolivia	Guatemala	Montenegro	Switzerland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guyana	Morocco	Syria
Brazil	Haiti	Nauru	Tajikistan
Bulgaria	Honduras	Nepal	Tanzania
Burundi	Hong Kong S.A.R	Netherlands	Togo
Cambodia	Hungary	Nicaragua	Tonga
Chad	Iceland	Nigeria	Turkey
Chile	India	Oman	Tuvalu
China	Indonesia	Palau	Uganda
Colombia	Iran	Panama	Ukraine
Costa Rica	Iraq	Papua New Guinea	United Kingdom
Croatia	Israel	Paraguay	Uruguay
Cyprus	Italy	Peru	Uzbekistan
Denmark	Jamaica	Philippines	Venezuela
Djibouti	Japan	Poland	Vietnam
Dominican Republic	Kenya	Romania	Yemen
Ecuador	Kiribati	Russia	Zambia

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