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**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2012 10:09 AM  
**To:** AILA Rome District Chapter Listserv  
**Subject:** US Embassy in London update - Notification of limited NIV processing during the Olympics and expansion of Visa Reissuance

I received the following email from the US Embassy in London notifying of limited NIV services during the Olympics as well as an expansion of the Visa Reissuance Program to include H-1 and H-4 visa applicants.

**Truncated email from the US Embassy in London below:**

Please disseminate to members of AILA concerning visa services this spring and summer and to notify them of changes we have introduced to the Visa Reissuance Program.

**Visa Services:** Visa services will be limited during July and August for all nonimmigrant visa categories. Therefore, we are encouraging applicants to apply for visas during the spring and early summer as appointment availability cannot be guaranteed. To facilitate this, we have opened up the appointment calendar through until the end of June. Appointments are scheduled through the Operator Assisted Information Service. \*\*

Travelers planning on entering the United States visa free under the Visa Waiver Program by air or sea carrier who do not have travel authorization approval under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), are encouraged to register now for summer travel, for if the registration denied, visas will be required.

**Visa Reissuance Program:** The Visa Reissuance Program has been expanded to include H-1 visa applicants and their derivatives who are renewing a visa of the same classification that has expired in the last twelve months. Other qualifying criteria apply and can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/visa-reissuance.html>. The Program continues to be available to O, P, J and C-1/D visa applicants. Please note that applicants must be physically present in the United Kingdom to utilize the Visa Reissuance Program and a consular officer reserves the right to request that an applicant appear in person for an interview after reviewing his or her application.

\*\*Callers within the United Kingdom should dial 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras. Callers from the United States should 1-866-382-3589. Callers are charged a fixed rate of \$16:00 which is payable by credit card - Visa, MasterCard, American Express only.