REMINDER: USCIS to Close its Office in Panama City, Panama, on Feb. 1

USCIS will permanently close its field office in Panama City, Panama, on Feb. 1, 2013.

The Panama City Field Office had jurisdiction over Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guiana, and Suriname. After Feb. 1, 2013, these countries will be in the jurisdiction of existing USCIS field offices, as follows:

- Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guiana, and Suriname will be in the jurisdiction of the USCIS Field Office in Lima, Peru.
- Panama will be in the jurisdiction of the USCIS Field Office in San Salvador, El Salvador.

After Feb. 1, 2013, applications or petitions previously accepted at the Panama City Field Office should be filed as directed below.

Application	Processing after Feb. 1, 2013
Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative	Residents of Panama will need to follow existing procedures for all petitioners residing in countries that have no USCIS offices: Form I-130 must be filed with the USCIS Chicago Lockbox. More filing information is available here. In certain emergency situations, the USCIS Field Office Director with jurisdiction over the country where the petitioner resides may authorize the Department of State to accept the I-130 at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. More information is available here.
Form I-407, Abandonment of Lawful Permanent Resident Status	The U.S. Department of State's Panama City consular section will assume responsibility for processing Form I-407 for residents of Panama.

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	Residents of Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guiana, and Suriname will continue to be processed by their respective U.S. Department of State consular sections.
Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	The Hague Adoption Convention governs international adoptions in Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and French Guiana , which follow the procedures outlined here. In regard to Guyana and Suriname, two countries that are not parties to the Hague Adoption Convention: • A Form I-600 can be filed for children from these countries with a USCIS Lockbox in the United States, at the address given in the form's instructions. • The U.S. Department of State consular sections in these countries will assume responsibility for processing I-600 petitions filed with them, as long as in-country filing is permitted there as per the I-600 instructions. Read about additional filing options here.
Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition	Form I-600A can be filed with the Lockbox in the United States at the address given in the Form I-600A instructions. If the prospective adoptive parent is residing abroad in Guyana or Suriname, Form I-600A may also be filed with the USCIS Field Office in Lima, Peru. More information is available at: http://www.uscis.gov/Lima.
Application for Transportation Letter	U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) processes these requests. For more information, contact CBP at 507-317-5000.

Find general information about the U.S. Embassy in Panama City online at http://panama.usembassy.gov/index.html, via the Embassy's automated phone service at 507-317-5000, or by mail. Mailing addresses are as follows:

If mailing from Panama:

American Embassy Panama

P.O. Box 0816-02561, Zona 5

Panama, Republic of Panama

If mailing from the United States:

American Embassy Panama

9100 Panama City PL

Washington, DC 20521-9100

After Feb. 1, 2013, individuals requiring information on USCIS services in Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guiana, and Suriname may contact the USCIS field office that has jurisdiction over that country. These field offices are:

USCIS Lima, Peru

Jurisdiction: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, Suriname, and Uruguay

Telephone: 511-618-2000 within Peru, or 011-511-618-2000 from the U.S.

Fax: 511-434-2483

Email: peru.uscis@dhs.gov.

Mailing address:

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Mailing address from the United States: Field Office Director U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services c/o American Embassy, Lima, Peru P.O. Box 127 Lima 41, Peru Mailing address from outside the United States: American Embassy U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Avenida Encalada, Cuadra 17 s/n Monterrico, Lima, Peru	American Embassy U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Avenida Encalada, Cuadra 17 s/n Monterrico, Lima, Peru

USCIS San Salvador, El Salvador

Jurisdiction: El Salvador and Panama.

Telephone: 2501-3022 within El Salvador, or 011-503-2501-3022 from the U.S.

Fax: 503-2288-3330 within El Salvador, or 011-503-2288-3330 from the U.S.

Email: elsalvador.uscis@dhs.gov.

Mailing address:

Regular Mail	**Express Mail**

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Mailing address from the United States: U.S. Embassy, San Salvador U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Attn: DHS-USCIS 3450 San Salvador Place Washington, DC 20521-3450 Mailing address from outside the United States: U.S. Embassy, San Salvador Attn: DHS-USCIS Final Blvd. y Urb. Santa Elena Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad El Salvador	U.S. Embassy, San Salvador Attn: DHS-USCIS Final Blvd. y Urb. Santa Elena Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad El Salvador

For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit www.uscis.gov.

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