

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
***Employment and Training Administration***  
**OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION**

**2015 H-2B Interim Final Rule FAQs**

**Round 6: Clarification of Handling Special Procedure Occupations under the  
2015 H-2B IFR**

**1. Will the current special procedures continue under this Interim Final Rule?**

The 2015 IFR removes the regulatory provision authorizing the Department to create new special procedures. The Department will continue to accept H-2B applications for professional athletes, tree planting and related reforestation, and professional/outdoor entertainers under the existing special procedures. However, the Department is in the process of expeditiously reviewing special procedures applicable to the H-2B program. The public will be advised when the Department's review is complete and any impact on current special procedures.