**From:** Peck, Denis R
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 7:39 AM
**To:** Fries, Juliet M
**Cc:** Loughlin, Stephen J; Cox, Sophia; Aucoin, Lauren J; Sweeney, Shelly A; Doumani, Stephanie M; King, Alexander R; Tu, David J
**Subject:** RE: FY15 CAP Rejects Handling/ Primary reasons at CSC for rejecting H1B

Juliet,

Thank you, we'll study this here for using during this year.

There's no possibility of substituting a different page with a different address to get around the jurisdiction rejection ?

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**From:** Fries, Juliet M
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 1:06 PM
**To:** Peck, Denis R
**Cc:** Loughlin, Stephen J
**Subject:** FW: FY15 CAP Rejects Handling
**Importance:** High

Denis,

I wanted to run our plan by you for your concurrence regarding the CAP rejects for the upcoming CAP Season. My understanding is that VSC does something similar.

Last year the CSC had 1,124 rejects from amongst those petitions that had been selected in the lottery. I have included a spreadsheet that summarizes the top 7 reject reasons, and these represented 1,004 of the rejects. Within the remaining 120 rejects were all manner of reasons including Wrong Payee, White Out on Check(s), Stale Dated Check(s), Master's CAP Degree Not Earned in US, etc.

Understanding that we are attempting to "validate" the reject so that it cannot be argued that the error was on the government's part rather than that of the petitioner, I propose that we stamp and/or stamp and circle errors per the following chart. Using the guidelines in Emisa's email below, the Contractor would stamp all pages of the application and LCA when there are missing pages and/or signatures and/or certification. Where appropriate, as in missing signatures or incorrect intended date, those errors would be circled and initialed.

Using last year's actual numbers as a forecast, this would have resulted in stamping and/or initialing approximately 335 applications, or about 30% of the rejected "winners". I believe this approach will both solve this problem and will target the rejected petitions that are most likely to be resubmitted allegedly due to "Service Center errors". The balance of the errors, such as Missing Fees or Jurisdiction, would not be "validated" by stamping the application pages, so this effort would serve no purpose.

| Circle & Stamp | 163 | INTENDED DATE EARLIER THAN 10/01/13 |
|---|---|---|
| | 100 | INCORRECT FEE / MISSING FEE |

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| | 215 | JURISDICTION |
|---|---|---|
| Circle & Stamp | 82 | LCA WAS NOT SIGNED |
| Circle & Stamp | 29 | LCA MISSING or NOT CERTIFIED |
| Stamp | 61 | MISSING PAGES or PAGES BLANK |
| | 354 | RIDING WITH I-539 / I-29 |
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| | 1004 | **Total of top 7 reject reasons** |
| 335 | 1124 | **Total of all "winner" rejects** |
| 30% | 89% | **Top 7 reject reasons as a % of the Total** |

Please advise if you have any questions regarding this proposal and if you concur.

Thanks,

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**From:** Tamanaha, Emisa T
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 9:06 PM
**To:** Fries, Juliet M
**Cc:** Lundquist, Lieda F; Benavente, Jessy J; Fierro, Joseph; Chong, Jenny; Baltaretu, Cristina G; Nicholson, Richard E
**Subject:** FY15 CAP Rejects Handling

Hi Juliet,

Lauren of SCOPS wanted me to share our plan with regard to the duplicate handling, so I wanted to re-cap our discussion after yesterday's CAP call:

- Lieda is ordering stamps for the contractor to use on all CAP rejects.
- Contractor will be stamping every single page of the Form I-129 as well as the LCA and will annotate the date received with initial.
- If the reason for rejection is based on missing signature, contractor will circle the blank signature line and annotate "Signature Missing" right next to it.
- If the petitioner claims rejection was due to Service error after the CAP closes, they will need to provide the original pages of the Form I-129 and/or LCA bearing the contractor stamp and initial to prove.

Please confirm the above bullets and let me know if I missed anything. Once I hear from you, I will relay this to Lauren.

Thanks!
Emisa

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