



U.S. EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY NO LONGER ADJUDICATING E VISA APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City has announced that the Embassy will no longer adjudicate E-1 Treaty Trader and E-2 Treaty Investor visa applications in Mexico City. Beginning July 07, 2015, all E-1 Treaty Trader visa applications will be handled by the Consulates General in Monterrey and Tijuana and all E-2 Treaty Investor visa applications will be handled by the Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez.

While the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City will no longer accept or adjudicate E visa applications or schedule or conduct E visa interviews, individual applicants may continue to schedule their initial Applicant Service Center (ASC) appointments to be fingerprinted and to submit biometric information at any ASC location in Mexico, including Mexico City. Individuals who would have previously appeared in Mexico City will be required to courier their E visa application materials to the designated Consulate General prior to their E visa appointment. This change will require E visa applicants to travel to the Consulate General with jurisdiction over their application, even if it is not the closest or most convenient consular post.

E visa applicants with previously scheduled appointments at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City will be required to reschedule their appointments with the newly designated Consulate General with jurisdiction over their applications. Because previously scheduled appointments must be rescheduled, new applicants may expect delays as the Consulates General in Monterrey, Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez work through a likely modest, initial backlog in E visa appointment availability and visa issuance. It is also possible that the abrupt transfer of E visa adjudications out of Mexico City to other posts could temporarily impact appointment availability for other types of visa applicants applying in Monterrey, Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez.

Going forward, E visa applicants also should be prepared for potential delays and logistical inconvenience occasioned by travel to the Consulates General in Monterrey, Tijuana, and Ciudad Juarez. As always, Foster will continue to monitor changes in consular processes and procedures and will provide future updates via our firm's website at www.fosterglobal.com.