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EB-2 IMMIGRANT VISAS UNAVAILABLE FOR INDIA AND CHINA UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2012

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of State (DOS) published the <u>May 2012 Visa Bulletin</u> reflecting significant retrogression in EB-2 immigrant visa availability under the India and China employment-based second preference (EB-2) immigrant categories. Subsequently, the Department of State confirmed that all EB-2 visas available for applicants born in India and China have been exhausted for the current fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2012.

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) will continue to accept Adjustment of Status (Form I-485) applications filed in accordance with the cut-off dates published in the April 2012 Visa Bulletin (May 10, 2010) through the end of April, and in accordance with the May 2012 Visa Bulletin (August 15, 2007) through the end of May. Although the applications will be accepted, the applications cannot be approved until a visa number is again available. Immigrant numbers will become available again at the beginning of the new fiscal year, on October 1, 2012. Applications then will be adjudicated for those applicants for whom visas are available in accordance with the cut-off dates published in the October 2012 Visa Bulletin.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor updates in visa availability and will make future updates available via our firm website at <u>www.fosterquan.com</u>, and in future Immigration Update© bulletins as appropriate.