

IMMIGRATION UPDATE®

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EB-2 INDIA VISA AVAILABILITY ADVANCES

Effective this month, the EB-2 India category advanced approximately six months, to June 15, 2008, after having advanced three years in the month before. This means that, applicants born in India who have priority dates before June 15, 2008, and who are applying for permanent residency under the Employment-Based, Second (EB-2) category, are now eligible to file Applications to Adjust Status in the United States, or have immigrant visas issued abroad.

The significant advance for EB-2 applicants over the past two months is expected to generate high levels of demand based on new filings for adjustment of status with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). As a result, the U.S. Department of State will likely announce in a future Visa Bulletin that the cutoff date has retrogressed due to the increased demand.

Applicants with current priority dates should contact their FosterQuan immigration attorney now for additional information regarding application for an immigrant visa at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate abroad, or application for Adjustment of Status with U.S. CIS in the United States. As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor visa availability and will provide additional information via future Immigration Updates© and on our firm's website.