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Notice: CARA Announces Release of New Guidelines and Temporary Suspension of Acceptance of New Dossiers

CARA recently released new guidelines for intercountry adoptions. Please visit CARA's website at <http://www.adoptionindia.nic.in/> for further information.

CARA also recently announced a temporary freeze on the acceptance of new adoption dossiers as it attempts to clear a backlog of cases pending from before implementation of new guidelines governing intercountry adoptions in India. CARA foresees lifting the suspension by approximately the end of September 2011 and will advise when they are ready to accept new dossiers. We will update the notice promptly. Applications that are already in process prior to the effective date of the new guidelines will proceed as normal.

Please note that the new guidelines direct that after September 30, 2011, all dossiers must be forwarded to CARA. CARA will no longer accept any dossier through a RIPA.

If you have any questions about the details of the guidelines or suspension, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 1-888-407-4747 or e-mail us at adoptionUSCA@state.gov.