

participating. This additional recruitment is possible as the transition to the new sample is finalized. When hospitals from the old sample are phased out, they can be replaced with hospitals from the new sample. In 2009 and 2010, DAWN plans to recruit 2 States with centralized ME/C systems. To achieve full participation by ME/Cs in the metropolitan areas currently covered, DAWN plans to recruit approximately 20 more ME/Cs from the 13 metropolitan areas, and

approximately 20 ME/Cs from metropolitan areas in the rest of the country. DAWN data are submitted electronically, using eHERS (electronic Hospital Emergency Reporting System) and eMERS (electronic Medical Examiner Reporting System). In most of the facilities participating in DAWN (83 percent of the EDs and 58 percent of the ME/C offices), data are collected by government contractor staff; these facilities are not included in the burden statement because the facility staff are

not involved in data collection. The annual burden estimates for those EDs and ME/C offices that collect the data using their own staff are shown below. There will be minor editorial changes to both the ED and ME/C reporting forms to simplify reporting. On the ME/C reporting form, a data element for case narrative will be added. These changes are not anticipated to impact the overall burden.

ANNUALIZED REPORTING BURDEN FOR DAWN: 2009–2011

Activity	Number of respondents ¹	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Estimated time per response (in minutes)	Total hour burden ²
Emergency Departments					
ED Chart review	61	24,551	1,497,611	2.5	62,400
Case data entry	61	556	33,916	3	1,696
ED activity report	61	52	3,172	2	106
Subtotal	61	.....	.....	.....	64,202
State Medical Examiners ¹					
Death investigation records review	6	3,099	18,594	4	1,240
Case data entry	6	338	2,028	3	101
ME/C activity report	6	104	624	2	21
Subtotal	6	.....	.....	.....	1,362
Individual Medical Examiners/Coroners ¹					
Death investigation records review	84	1,097	92,148	4	6,143
Case data entry	84	89	7,476	3	374
ME/C activity report	84	52	4,368	2	146
Subtotal	84	.....	.....	.....	6,663
TOTAL	151	.....	.....	.....	72,227

¹ State MEs and some other ME/C offices report for multiple jurisdictions. For this reason, the number of respondents is smaller than the number of ME/C jurisdictions participating in DAWN.

² Row and column totals may differ due to rounding.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by September 25, 2008 to: SAMHSA Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by fax to: 202–395–6974.

Dated: August 15, 2008.

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Acting Director, Office of Program Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I–290B, Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I–290B, Notice of Appeal to the Office of Administrative Appeals (AAO). OMB Control No. 1615–0095.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2008, at 73 FR 29527 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments for this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 25, 2008. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information

and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-6974 or via e-mail at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0095 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Notice of Appeal to the Office of Administrative Appeals (AAO).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-290B. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The information collection required on the Form I-290B is necessary in order for USCIS to make a determination that the appeal or motion to reopen or reconsider meets eligibility requirements, and for the Administrative Appeals Office to

adjudicate the merits of the appeal or motion to reopen or reconsider.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 30,000 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 15,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: August 20, 2008.

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Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Direct Mail Program for Submitting Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability To Adopt a Child From a Convention Country, and Form I-800, Petition To Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is expanding its Direct Mail Program to include Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative, and Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country. Applicants must submit Forms I-800, I-800A, and all related supplements and forms to the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility located in Illinois, for initial processing. Applicants were previously required to file at a USCIS field office with jurisdiction over their place of current residence. The Direct Mail Program allows USCIS to process applications

more efficiently by eliminating duplicative work, maximizing staff productivity, and introducing better information management tools.

DATES: Effective September 25, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lisette Kvortek, HQ Adjudications Officer, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529, Telephone (202) 272-1001.

I. Background

A. What is The Hague Adoption Convention?

The Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Hague Adoption Convention) signed at The Hague, The Netherlands, on May 29, 1993, is a treaty that strengthens protections for children, birth parents, and prospective adoptive parent(s). It establishes internationally agreed upon rules and procedures for adoptions between countries that have a treaty relationship under the Hague Adoption Convention. It provides a framework for member countries to work together to ensure that children are provided with permanent, loving homes, that adoptions take place in the best interests of a child, and that the abduction, sale and trafficking in children is prevented. The President signed the instrument of ratification for the Hague Adoption Convention on November 16, 2007, and the Hague Adoption Convention entered into force for the United States on April 1, 2008. 72 FR 71730.

B. What is the Direct Mail Program?

Under the Direct Mail program, applicants for certain immigration benefits mail the designated application or petition directly to a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Service Center or Lockbox facility instead of submitting it to their local USCIS office. USCIS has discussed the purpose and strategy of the Direct Mail program in detail in previous rules and notices. (See 59 FR 33903, 59 FR 33985, 60 FR 22408, 61 FR 2266, 61 FR 56060, 62 FR 16607, 63 FR 891, 63 FR 892, 63 FR 13434, 63 FR 13878, 63 FR 16828, 63 FR 50584, 63 FR 8688, 63 FR 8689, 64 FR 67323, 69 FR 3380, 69 FR 4210, 70 FR 30768, 72 FR 3402).

C. Which Hague Adoption Convention forms are affected by the Direct Mail Program?

You must now submit the following forms through the Direct Mail Program