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Subject:

RE: Hold on all I-485 Asylee/Refugee Adjudications

Date:

Friday, March 21, 2025 3:53:00 PM

Good afternoon,

Effective immediately there will be a temporary hold on “all” asylee/refugee I-485 adjudications. We expect this pause on all Refugee and Asylee cases to be no longer than 2 weeks and will inform you as soon as the hold is lifted. Please inform the Districts and Field Office of this temporary pause. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you,

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Branch Chief

HQ Field Operations, Division 1, Adjustment of Status, Team 2

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From: [Office of the FOD Associate Director](#)
Subject: Lift of the Temporary Pause on Adjudicating Asylee and Refugee Adjustment of Status Applications
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:55:44 AM
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April 10, 2025



Michael Valverde
Associate Director

FOD Leadership:

Headquarters Field Operations Directorate (HQ FOD) has completed the review of all pending asylee and refugee adjustment of status applications and is lifting this temporary pause, effective immediately. Later today, HQ FOD will provide field leadership with further guidance and instructions on the cases that can be processed without an interview using the Work Distribution System (WDS) and those that will require interviews prior to adjudication.

Background:

On Mar. 21, 2025, HQ FOD placed a temporary pause on adjudicating Asylee and Refugee based Adjustment of Status applications pending the completion of additional screening and vetting to identify potential fraud, public safety, or national security concerns. This change was in alignment with Presidential Executive Order 14161, [Protecting the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats](#), and Executive Order 14157, [Designating Cartels And Other Organizations As Foreign Terrorist Organizations And Specially Designated Global Terrorists](#).

If you have questions, please email the [FOD Division 1 Mailbox](#).

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