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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Lists of Foreign Diplomatic Officers Accredited to the United States

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) that removes references to the Diplomatic List (also known as the “Blue List”), which is no longer published by the U.S. Department of State (DOS).

Background

Generally, foreign diplomatic officers, their spouses, and children enjoy certain immunities under international and U.S. law, which affects their legal status while present in the United States. Because these immunities mean that they are not subject to the jurisdiction of U.S. law, children born in the United States to a foreign diplomatic officer accredited to the United States are not U.S. citizens at birth.¹ The children may be eligible to register for lawful permanent residence (LPR) status under 8 CFR 101.3. If one parent is a foreign diplomatic officer and the other is a U.S. citizen, the child is a U.S. citizen at birth and ineligible to register LPR status.

This guidance, contained in Volumes 7 and 12 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately and applies to requests pending or filed on or after the publication date. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance.

Policy Highlights

- Removes reference to DOS’s “Diplomatic List” and “Blue List” throughout.
- Provides that, if a child was born in the United States to an accredited foreign diplomat that child is not a U.S. citizen; however, the child may be eligible to register for lawful permanent status under 8 CFR 101.3.
- Clarifies that if one parent is an accredited foreign diplomatic officer and the other is a U.S. citizen, then the child is a U.S. citizen at the time of birth and is ineligible to register LPR status.

¹ See [8 CFR 101.3\(a\)\(1\)](#).

Summary of Changes

Affected Section: Volume 7 > Part O > Chapter 3 > Section D, Eligibility Requirements

- Revises the chart titled Eligibility Requirements: Children Born in the United States to Accredited Diplomats.
- Revises language under Subsection 4 (Parent with Full Diplomatic Immunity at Time of the Applicant's Birth).

Affected Section: Volume 12 > Part H > Chapter 3 > Section A, General Requirements for Acquisition of Citizenship

- Revises first footnote.

USCIS may also make other minor technical, stylistic, and conforming changes consistent with this update.

Citation

Volume 7: Adjustment of Status, Part O Registration, Chapter 3, Children Born in the United States to Accredited Diplomats [[7 USCIS-PM O.3](#)]; Volume 12: Citizenship and Naturalization, Part H, Chapter 3, U.S. Citizens at Birth (INA 301 and 309) [[12 USCIS-PM H.3](#)].