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Technical Update - Clarifying Acquisition of Citizenship Requirement in Nationality Chart 2 for Children Born Out of Wedlock Before May 24, 1934

December 08, 2020

This technical update to Volume 12 incorporates a clarification to Nationality Chart 2 to align with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (INTCA), which affected acquisition of citizenship for children born before May 24, 1934. Specifically, this technical update clarifies that an alien child born out of wedlock before May 24, 1934 acquires citizenship retroactively to the time of birth in cases where the child's mother resided in the United States at any time before the child's birth, regardless of whether the child was legitimated by the alien father.

Affected Sections

[12 USCIS-PM H.3 - Chapter 3 - U.S. Citizens at Birth \(INA 301 and 309\)](#)

Technical Update - Incorporating Existing Guidance into the Policy Manual

December 08, 2020

This technical update is part of an initiative to move existing policy guidance from the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) into the Policy Manual. This update does not make major substantive changes but consolidates and incorporates existing AFM guidance into the Policy Manual, streamlining USCIS' immigration policy while removing obsolete information. This guidance replaces Chapter 23.5(c) of the AFM, related appendices, and policy memoranda.

Affected Sections

[7 USCIS-PM C - Part C - 245\(i\) Adjustment](#)

POLICY ALERT - Properly Completed Medical Certification For Disability Exception (N-648)

December 04, 2020

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to reflect changes made in the new version of the Medical Certification for Disability Exception (Form N-648).

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Affected Sections

[12 USCIS-PM E.3 - Chapter 3 - Medical Disability Exception \(Form N-648\)](#)

POLICY ALERT - Schedule A Designation