

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Undersecretary for Management;
Human Resource Management System
Senior Review Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Undersecretary for Management, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Human Resource Management System Senior Review Advisory Committee (Committee or SRC) will meet in its second session on Monday, October 20 through Wednesday, October 22, 2003. The SRC is charged with reviewing the work of the Department of Homeland Security/Office of Personnel Management (DHS/OPM) Design Team and providing options to the Secretary of DHS and the Director of OPM for their consideration in establishing the new Human Resource Management System provided for in section 841 of the Homeland Security Act. The entire meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The SRC will meet October 20–October 22, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; at the discretion of the chair the meetings may run past 5 p.m. Notice of this meeting is published well in advance of the meeting to give sufficient notice to interested parties and stakeholders. Requests by members of the public to make oral presentations at the meeting and written statements for the SRC should reach the Designated Federal Official at DHS on or before October 13, 2003. All oral presentations and written statements will become part of the Committee record and deliberations.

ADDRESSES: The SRC meeting will be held at the Almas Temple, 1315 K Street NW., Washington, DC. Send written statements and requests to make an oral presentation to the SRC Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at: Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528. Submission by e-mail or by delivery services such as Fedex, UPS, etc., is preferred to ensure delivery on time. The address is: Department of Homeland Security, Attn: Under Secretary for Management/CHCO/Melissa Allen, Via: Remote Delivery Site (RDS), 245 Murray Drive, Bldg 410, Washington, DC 20528.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kay Frances Dolan, Director Human Resource Policy, DHS, and Ms. Melissa Allen, Senior Human Resource Advisor, DHS, have been designated as DFOs for the SRC. They can be reached on 202–692–4272; KayFrances.Dolan@dhs.gov or Melissa.Allen@dhs.gov; and at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Objective. The purpose of this meeting is to (1) deliberate the options developed by the HR Design Team; (2) to hold discussions on possible modifications to those options, and (3) to determine which options should be forwarded by the Senior Review Committee for consideration by the Secretary and Director. In addition to these formal agenda items, the Committee will hear from members of the public. Due to the complexity of the topics to be reviewed and the length of the meeting, the following tentative schedule is nominally established: On Monday, October 20, and Tuesday, October 21, the SRC will hear presentations on and deliberate the options. On Tuesday, October 21, the SRC will hear from members of the public who have requested time to make oral presentations. On Wednesday, October 22, the SRC will continue its deliberations on all of the options presented and determine which options should be forwarded by the Senior Review Committee for consideration by the Secretary and Director.

Public Presentations. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Designated Federal Official at DHS on or before October 13, 2003. Oral presentations will be limited to approximately 5 minutes to allow sufficient time for any questions from the Committee. Oral presentations may be supplemented by written statements; written statements submitted for the record should be limited to no more than fifteen (15) pages. If there is insufficient time to honor all requests for oral presentations, the Designated Federal Official (DFO) will seek to ensure a full range of views and opinions are heard. Members of the public who wish to file a written statement with the SRC should send it to the DFO (see addresses above); written statements should be received on or before October 15, 2003. All written submissions will become part of the Committee record and deliberations.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please notify the Designated Federal Official as soon as possible by phone or email.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

Janet Hale,

Under Secretary for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Citizenship and Immigration Services**

[CIS No. 2282–03]

Introduction of Revised Form N–600 and New Form N–600K

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) announces implementation of the revised Form N–600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, and a new Form N–600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate under Section 322. These two forms have replaced the previous edition of Form N–600 as well as Form N–643, Application for Certificate of Citizenship on Behalf of an Adopted Child, and Form N–600/N–643 Supplement A, which have been withdrawn.

DATES: This notice is effective October 31, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerard Casale, Business Process and Reengineering Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514–0788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Public Law 106–395, the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, enacted on October 30, 2000, provides that foreign-born children residing in the United States who meet certain specified requirements acquire United States citizenship automatically. This process replaced prior laws that required such children to obtain citizenship through an application for naturalization. Public Law 107–273, enacted on November 2, 2002, prescribes procedures by which children born of or adopted by a United States citizen parent and residing abroad may be naturalized under section 322 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), on the application of their U.S. citizen legal guardian or grandparent. Since these laws made important changes in eligibility requirements and procedures, it became necessary to amend the application forms by which qualified children may apply for naturalization or obtain documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

To reflect these statutory changes the CIS revised Form N–600, and developed a new Form N–600K. The revision and the new form were approved for use by

the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The revised Form N-600 and new Form N-600K have replaced the previous Application for Certificate of Citizenship on Behalf of an Adopted Child, Form N-643, as well as Form N-600/N-643 Supplement A, Application for Transmission of Citizenship Through a Grandparent.

Accordingly, this notice advises the public that only the current Form N-600 bearing the edition date of November 15, 2002 or later, is the correct form on which to apply for a Certificate of Citizenship. In addition, the new Form N-600K, bearing an edition date of April 30, 2003 or later, is the only correct form on which to apply for naturalization benefits for a child under section 322 of the Act.

As of October 31, 2003, only the November 15, 2002 or subsequent editions of Form N-600 will be valid for the purpose of filing an application for a certificate of citizenship, and only the April 30, 2003, or subsequent editions of Form N-600K will be valid for the purpose of filing an application for a certificate of citizenship under section 322 of the Act.

Correction of Stated Filing Fee

The current printed editions of Form N-600 and Form N-600K bear revision dates of November 15, 2002 and April 30, 2003, respectively. The instructions on these forms display a fee amount of \$195.00 for a Form N-600 or Form N-600K filed on behalf of anyone except an adopted child, and \$155.00 if filed on behalf of an adopted child. Those amounts were based on a fee adjustment rulemaking pending at the time the revisions were made. Clearance of the anticipated fee adjustment rulemaking has been delayed and, as a result, until further notice, CIS has adjusted the filing fees to be as follows. For a Form N-600 or Form N-600K filed on behalf of anyone except an adopted child, the correct fee is \$185.00. For a Form N-600 or Form N-600K filed on behalf of an adopted child, the correct fee is \$145.00.

Grace Period for Filing Previous Editions of Applications for a Certificate of Citizenship

Form N-600 applications bearing the earlier edition date that are mailed, postmarked or otherwise filed on or before October 31, 2003 will be accepted for the purpose of establishing a filing date for a certificate of citizenship. However, any applicants who are subject to the amended eligibility requirements of the current laws may be required to complete and submit either additional information or a valid current

Form N-600 or N-600K without additional fee, as appropriate, in order to complete the processing of their application. After October 31, 2003 no Form N-600 application bearing an edition date earlier than November 15, 2002, will be accepted for processing by CIS.

Form N-643 applications that are mailed, postmarked or otherwise filed on or before October 31, 2003 will be accepted for the purpose of establishing a filing date for a certificate, if the applicant continues to be eligible under the current law. Any applicants who are subject to the amended eligibility requirements of the current laws may be required to complete and submit either additional information or a valid Form N-600 or N-600K without additional fee, as appropriate, in order to complete the processing of their application. After October 31, 2003 no Form N-643 will be accepted for filing at CIS Field Offices.

Beginning October 31, 2003, any outdated editions of the Form N-600 application and any Form N-643 received by the CIS will be returned to the applicant with instructions to submit a current application form.

How Can Applicants Obtain the Current Edition of Form N-600 or Form N-600K?

Applicants can obtain copies of the current Form N-600 or N-600K by calling the CIS Forms Line at 1-800-870-3676. The current edition of Form N-600 or N-600K also can be viewed and printed electronically from the CIS Web site at <http://www.bcis.gov>.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

Eduardo Aguirre,

Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Fee for Customs Services at User Fee Airports

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, DHS.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document advises the public of an increase in the fees charged user fee airports by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for providing customs services at these designated facilities. These fees are based on actual costs incurred by CBP

for equipment, training, and one CBP inspector on a full-time basis, and, thus, merely represent reimbursement to CBP for services rendered. The fees to be increased are the initial fee charged for a user fee airport's first year after it signs a Memorandum of Agreement with CBP to become a user fee airport, and the annual fee thereafter charged user fee airports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The new fees will be effective October 1, 2003, and will be reflected in quarterly, user fee airport billings issued on or after that date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Sargent, Office of Finance (202) 927-0609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 236 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-573, 98 Stat. 2992) (codified at 19 U.S.C. 58b), as amended, authorizes the provision of customs services and establishment of a fee for the use of such services at certain specified airports and at any other airport, seaport, or other facility designated pursuant to specified criteria. (The list of user fee airports is found at § 122.15 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 122.15)). The fee that is charged is an amount equal to the expenses incurred in providing the customs services at the designated facility, which includes the salary and expenses of individuals employed by CBP, and any necessary support costs to provide the customs services. The fees being raised are the initial fee charged for a user fee airport's first year after it signs a Memorandum of Agreement with CBP to become a user fee airport (set at \$129,125 for FY 2003), and the annual fee, thereafter, charged user fee airports (set at \$115,400 for FY 2003).

The user fees for user fee airports are typically set forth in Memorandum of Agreements between the user fee facility and CBP. While the amounts of these fees are agreed to be at flat rates, they are adjustable, as costs and circumstances change.

The last notice concerning fees charged user fee airports was published on September 12, 2002, in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 57866).

Adjustment of User Fee Airport Fees

As of July 24, 2003, CBP has determined that in order for the user fee to fully reimburse CBP for services provided, the initial fee must be increased from \$129,125 to \$140,874 and that the recurring annual fee subsequently charged must be increased from \$115,400 to \$123,438. The new fees will be effective October 1, 2003,