



This Immigration Update® from FosterQuan, LLP contains important information regarding the following:

IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2011

On September 15, 2011, the U.S. Department of State Visa Services division notified U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that the immigrant visa quota has been reached for the current fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2011. Immigrant Visa Numbers will be available under the annual quota system for Fiscal Year 2012, which begins October 1, 2011, in accordance with the [October 2011 Monthly Visa Bulletin](#).

Because the Fiscal Year 2011 immigrant visa quota has been exhausted, for the next two weeks the CIS will not be able to issue final approvals of Applications to Adjust Status (“green card” applications), and the U.S. Department of State will not be able to issue new immigrant visas at consular posts abroad.

Pursuant to existing CIS guidance and past practice, the CIS should continue to accept employment-based applications during this two-week period; however, applications cannot be approved during this time. Approvals for Applications to Adjust Status and issuance of immigrant visas at U.S. consular posts abroad should resume on October 1, 2011, under the Fiscal Year 2012 immigrant visa quota.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor developments in connection with immigrant visa availability and will make additional updates available via our firm’s [website](#).