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NEWS FLASH: VISA BULLETIN - IMMIGRANT NUMBERS FOR January 2009

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This bulletin summarizes the availability of immigrant numbers during **January 2009**. Consular officers are required to report to the Department of State qualified applicants for numerically limited visas; the Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS) reports applicants for I-485 adjustment of status. Even with an approved I-140 Petition, no immigrant visas may be approved unless there is an immigrant visa number available as determined by this chart.

On the chart below, the listing of a date for any class indicates that the class is oversubscribed; "C" means current, i.e., numbers are available for all qualified applicants; and "U" means unavailable, i.e., no numbers are available. (NOTE: Numbers are available only for applicants whose priority date is **earlier** than the cut-off date listed below.)

| | All Other Countries | CHINA | INDIA | MEXICO | PHIL |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Employment-Based | | | | | |
| 1 st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alien of Extraordinary Ability (AEA) Outstanding Researcher & Professor (OR) Multinational Executive & Manager | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| 2 nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERM/Labor Cert requiring MS Degree or BS Degree plus 5 Yrs Exp. National Interest Waiver (NIW) | Current | July 8, 2004 | July 1, 2003 | Current | Current |
| 3 rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERM/Labor Cert for Skilled worker requiring BS Degree or 2+ Yrs Exp. | May 1, 2005 | June 1, 2002 | Oct 15, 2001 | Nov 15, 2002 | May 1, 2005 |
| Other Workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERM/Labor Cert for unskilled worker s | Mar 15, 2003 | Mar 15, 2003 | Mar 15, 2003 | Mar 15, 2003 | Mar 15, 2003 |
| 5 th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigrant Investor (Direct Job Creation) | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigrant Investor (Indirect Job Creation & Targeted Areas) | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |

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