**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

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**1077. REMOVING REFERENCES TO FILING LOCATIONS AND OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO LEGACY IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE**

- **Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.
- **Legal Authority:** 8 CFR 2.1
- **CFR Citation:** 8 CFR 100; 8 CFR 103; 8 CFR 204; 8 CFR 207 to 208; 8 CFR 211 to 212; 8 CFR 214; 8 CFR 216; 8 CFR 236; 8 CFR 244 to 245; 8 CFR 248; 8 CFR 264; 8 CFR 274a; 8 CFR 301; 8 CFR 316; 8 CFR 320; 8 CFR 322; 8 CFR 324; 8 CFR 327 to 329; 8 CFR 330; 8 CFR 334; 8 CFR 392
- **Legal Deadline:** None
- **Abstract:** This rule will amend the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ (USCIS) regulations to: (1) Remove the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) organizational structure from regulations since INS no longer exists; and (2) Eliminate from USCIS regulations all references to filing locations so that USCIS may provide such information on petition and applications forms and through any other means. This rule will eliminate confusion and obsolete references from USCIS regulations and help the public determine where to file forms with USCIS. It will also result in a more efficient and streamlined process for USCIS to make future changes to filing instructions, allowing the agency to better manage its workload.

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**1078. REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS AND OTHER CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- **Priority:** Other Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.
- **Legal Authority:** 8 USC 1324a; PL 104–208
- **CFR Citation:** 8 CFR 274a
- **Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, March 31, 1998, An interim rule, published September 30, 1997, makes the minimal changes required by statute. The provisions will remain in effect until completion of this rulemaking.
- **Abstract:** On September 30, 1996, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) was enacted. Section 412(a) of IIRIRA requires a reduction in the number of documents that may be accepted in the employment verification process. Section 412(d) clarifies the applicability of section 274A to the Federal Government. Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act requires Agencies to review rules that have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities every 10 years. The Department is conducting this review in conjunction with IIRIRA implementation. The Department of Justice published a proposed rulemaking on February 12, 1998, to implement sections 212(a) and (d) of IIRIRA and propose other changes to the employment verification process identified through that review. A revised Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, was included with the proposed rulemaking.
- **The comment period closed on April 3, 1998. The Department of Homeland Security intends to publish a final rule this year. It should be noted that this action supersedes the previously published regulatory action titled “Reduction in the Number of Documents Accepted for Employment Verification.” In order to avoid confusion, this regulatory action is being referenced under the current RIN, which captures all prior actions related to employment verification.**