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### Notice: REGIONAL SUSPENSIONS ON ADOPTION PROCESSING IN RUSSIA

The Department of State has received reports that local departments of education and some judges in Russia have instituted a de facto freeze on adoptions to the United States. In some instances we are told that local departments of education have refused to provide referrals which are necessary for agencies and families to schedule court dates.

The Department of State has not received official notice that adoptions to the United States have been suspended and continues to work closely with Russian authorities to obtain as much information on the situation as possible. Updated information will be provided as it becomes available on [www.adoption.state.gov](http://www.adoption.state.gov).