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## Notice: Exit Permits Required for Adoptive Parents to Depart India

On October 21, 2015, the Indian government informed the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi that adoptive parents must possess an exit permit issued by the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) in New Delhi before departing India with their adopted or prospective adoptive child. Families may contact the FRRO support desk by telephone at + 91 11 2671-1443 or by e-mail at frrodli.support@nic.in or frrodli.support@gov.in for assistance in processing the exit document. As per FRRO, parents can apply for the exit permit at the FRRO in New Delhi after receiving their child's U.S. immigrant visa.

The U.S. Embassy does its best to ensure that U.S. immigrant visas for adopted and prospective adoptive children are issued as expeditiously as possible. Visa issuance after the interview takes **at least one business day**. It is not possible to provide the visa to adoptive parents on the day of the interview. We strongly recommend that parents not purchase non-exchangeable, non-refundable airline tickets until they have their visa and exit permits in hand, or at least allow ample time to obtain these documents before planning to travel.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at <a href="mailto:adoption@state.gov">adoption@state.gov</a>.