USCIS Continues to Modify Its Policies to Reject Petitions Outright

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In another bid to outright reject applications for nonimmigrant status, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration services (USCIS) recently announced that starting on August 5, it will begin rejecting Form I-129 (petitions for nonimmigrant workers) that do not include the petitioner's or applicant's name and primary U.S. office address in Part 1 of Form I-129. This adds to the list of reasons the USCIS reserves to outright reject petitions, which currently includes things like lack of signature, incorrect fees, or unauthorized third party signing on behalf of the petitioner.

This move further emphasizes how critical it is for petitioners, applicants and requestors to carefully read the form instructions related to their filing, or closely follow the advice of their legal representatives, to ensure that petitions are not rejected—which can delay or derail requests for critical benefits. This is particularly important where petitions, applications or requests are time sensitive, such as where they must be filed by a certain date, beneficiary age, etc. in order for the beneficiary to qualify for the benefit.

Please reach out to your LMWF immigration professional with any further questions relating to this announcement.

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