



U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

Dear Applicant:

US Citizenship and Immigration Services has received your Petition for an Alien Relative, Form I-130.

Petitioning for your relative is a two step process, involving two different Federal Agencies. The Department of Homeland Security, of which USCIS is a part, will evaluate your petition to ensure that you and your relative meet the basic legal requirements that are required. USCIS will evaluate your petition and conduct security and background checks on you and the beneficiary of the petition.

This process usually takes up to **90 days from the date of receipt of your application**. Calls and inquiries on a petition that has been pending for less than 90 days will only delay the processing of your application. You should also understand that if we require additional information from you, processing of your petition will only begin *after we have received all of the requested information. Petitions will not be expedited for PCS moves.*

If it has been **more than 90 days** since you received notification of receipt of your petition, you may make an inquiry on the petition status to [USCIS.Frankfurt@dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.Frankfurt@dhs.gov). In your message, please indicate the petitioner's and beneficiary's names and the date you filed with our office. We will respond to these inquiries usually within three business days. Do not telephone our office to request a status check.

If USCIS approves your petition, the petition will be forwarded to the US Department of State for visa issuance. Please understand that USCIS has no control over the length of time or requirements needed for issuance of an Immigrant Visa. You should also understand that an approved petition *is not a visa, nor does it guarantee that the US Department of State will issue your relative a visa.* You must comply with all requirements requested by the US Department of State. You may request additional information from that agency at [frankfurtiv@state.gov](mailto:frankfurtiv@state.gov).