

## PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

Agency/subagency  Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services		OMB Control Number  _____ 1615 _____ 0029 _____	
<i>Enter only items that change</i>			
		Current record	New record
Agency form number (s) I-601			
<b>Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden</b>			
Number of respondents			
Total annual responses			
Percent of these responses collected electronically	%	%	
Total annual hours			
Difference			
Explanation of difference			
Program change			
Adjustment			
<b>Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)</b>			
Total annualized Capital/Startup costs			
Total annual costs (O&M)			
Total annualized cost requested			
Difference			
Explanation of difference			
Program change			
Adjustment			
<b>Other changes**</b> See attached Table of Changes for justification.			
Signature of Senior Official or designee: <i>Evadne Hagigal</i> Evadne Hagigal, Regulatory Products Division	Date: 10/27/2010	For OIRA Use _____ _____	

\*\* This form cannot be used to extend an expiration date.

## Table of Changes

### Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility

**Reason for this non-significant change:** This proposed table of changes remedies the current confusion by the public about who can sign the form. It moves information regarding who can file and sign the application from "Who May File This Form?" to "General Instructions."

The public is confused about the signature requirement because of the following reason: The general rule (8 CFR 103.2(a)(9)(2)) is that an applicant or his or her legal guardian must sign the application. This is reflected in the current "General Instructions" part of the Instructions. The heading "Who May File the Form?," lists the exception that a qualified relative (other than the applicant or the legal guardian) may file the application but only if the applicant is incompetent because of his or her communicable disease (according to 8 CFR 212.7(b)). The "General Information" section currently lists that a qualified family member may sign but omits any reference to "Who May File the Form?" or explanation.

This set up, and the lack of explanation in the "General Instructions" part of the Instructions, confuse the public. If an individual does not read the information in "Who May File the Form?," the information currently in the "General Information" part makes the individual incorrectly believe that a "qualified relative" may sign the form in all circumstances.

Moving the exception information from "Who May File the Form?" to the "General Instructions" will consolidate all information regarding the signature requirements, and clarify for applicants that they have to sign the application unless one of the exceptions apply (See below table of changes).

The information is merely moved from one area to the other and incorporated in the current text. This change neither provides new information nor does it impose any new requirements on the applicants or qualifying relatives. Therefore, the changes are not substantive or significant.

<b>Form I-601 Instructions</b>	<b>Old Version</b>	<b>New Version</b>
Page 1, Who May File This Form? Right Column, After " J." and before	If the application is filed to waive a communicable disease of public health significance, and the applicant is	<b>Please delete this information.</b>

the "Note"	incompetent to file, a qualified family member listed in "Specific Instructions, 1. Applicants With Communicable Diseases" may file the waiver application on the applicant's behalf.	
<b>P. 2, under General Instructions Step 1 # 4</b>	Under 8 CFR 8CFR 103.2(a)(9)(2), you or the qualified family member filing the application on your behalf must sign this application personally. A parent or legal guardian may also sign the application for someone under the age of 14, and a duly appointed legal guardian may sign for an adult who is incompetent to sign the application.	<p>Under 8 CFR 103.2(a)(2), you must sign this application personally, unless one of the following exceptions apply.</p> <p>If you are under the age of 14, your parent or legal guardian may sign the application for you.</p> <p>If you are not competent to sign the application, but you are over 14, a duly appointed legal guardian may sign the application for you.</p> <p>If you are filing this application to waive inadmissibility for a communicable disease of public health significance (under INA section 212(g) of the Act), and you are not competent to sign the application, a qualified family member listed in "Specific Instructions, 1. Applicants With Communicable Diseases" may file and sign the waiver application on your behalf. This qualifying relative may sign the application for you even if that person is not your legal guardian.</p>
<b>P.2 under General Instructions, Step 1 # 5</b>	Preparer's Signature. If an individual, other than the applicant, or a qualified family member prepared the application, that individual must sign and	Preparer's Signature. If an individual other than the applicant prepared this application, that individual must sign and date the application and provide the information requested.