

NARRATIVE OF CHANGES FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REQUEST

Notice of Appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals from a Decision of a DHS Officer (EOIR-29)

A party affected by a decision of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Officer may appeal that decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board), provided the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(b). An appeal from a DHS officer's decision is taken by completing the Form EOIR-29 and filing it with DHS directly. DHS then forwards the appeal to the Board. The Form EOIR-29 requests the appellant's name, mailing address, basic information about the case being appealed, including any name and alien registration number ("A-number") of the beneficiary of a visa petition; all of this information is necessary to identify and process the appeal.

EOIR has made some non-substantive changes to the form, including modifying the appearance and formatting of the General Instructions; revising the existing form instructions for clarity; updating links to webpages and resources embedded throughout the form; and modifying the mailing address field for the appellant/petitioner to permit use of a 'safe address' so that mail can be sent to an alternate address in care of the appellant/petitioner. EOIR has not made any substantive changes to the form or the collection.