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ANSWER:

Here is the release from USCIS.

April 27, 2009

WASHINGTON?U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced an updated

number of filings for H-1B petitions for the fiscal year 2010 program.

USCIS has received approximately 45,000 H-1B petitions counting toward the Congressionally-mandated

65,000 cap. The agency continues to accept petitions subject to the general cap.

Additionally, the agency has received approximately 20,000 petitions for aliens with advanced degrees;

however, we continue to accept advanced degree petitions since experience has shown that not all

petitions received are approvable. Congress mandated that the first 20,000 of these types of petitions are

exempt from any fiscal year cap on available H-1B visas.

For cases filed for premium processing during the initial five-day filing window, the 15-day premium

processing period began April 7. For cases filed for premium processing after the filing window, the

premium processing period begins on the date USCIS takes physical possession of the petition.

USCIS will provide regular updates on the processing of FY2010 H-1B petitions. The updates can be

found on the USCIS? Web site at www.uscis.gov/h-1b_count ^[2].

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