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All AFAA/IDM/CA

Subject: Regarding extension of child acceptance period for the Inter-Country Adoption where children have been reserved by PAPs, due to the Prevailing Situation (COVID-19).

1. This is with reference to the Inter-country adoption process where Indian children have been reserved by the Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency (AFAA)/Central Authority (CA)/Indian Diplomatic Mission (IDM) for Prospective Adoptive Parents registered with them.
2. As per Regulation 15(12) of Adoption Regulations, 2017, the period during which the acceptance of the reserved child has to be given has been stipulated as 30 days. However, in the wake of global pandemic of Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19), the Authority has decided to extend the period of acceptance of child reserved by PAPs in all the inter-country adoption cases till 30th April 2020. This measure has been taken to prevent the movement of the PAPs and children as a safety measure to contain the outbreak of COVID-19.
3. The PAPs may also be informed and accordingly the Central Authorities/Indian Diplomatic Mission/Authorized Foreign Adoption Agencies, who have reserved the children on behalf of the PAPs, are requested to accept the child by uploading the signed CSR and MER for the children before 30th April, 2020. After the extended period for giving acceptance, the child's profile shall be withdrawn from the reserved PAPs' profile and the seniority of the PAPs shall be relegated to the bottom of the list in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 15(12) of Adoption Regulations, 2017.
4. Further, all referrals have been suspended till 5th April 2020 and it is requested that children from the Special Needs/Immediate Placement portals may also not be reserved for the PAPs during this period.
5. This is issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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