



EMAIL BULLETIN

**VISA REVALIDATION DELAYS DUE TO "CONDOR" SECURITY CHECKS**

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Tindall & Foster, P.C. has been advised by the Revalidation Unit of the U.S. Department of State that applicants for visa revalidation may experience delays in visa issuance due to the recently implemented "Condor" security check. Information that applicants provide on the Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-157 (mandatory for all males between the ages of 16 and 45, and for all persons from the following countries, regardless of gender: China, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Russia, Somalia, the Sudan and Vietnam) may trigger a Visa Condor check. Specifically, this is a 30-day check, which is not triggered by identity alone. Due to security concerns, the Department of State will not divulge what triggers a Condor check. If the Condor Check is triggered, the Revalidation Unit will decline to issue the visa, and the application will be returned. If the application is returned, the foreign national must apply outside of the United States for the visa, and will be subject to a Condor check at that time.