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The U.S. Department of State's Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting Division, has confirmed a dramatic reduction in the use of EB-1 immigrant visa numbers and the resulting favorable effect on the EB-2 category for immigrant visas chargeable to India.

DOS advised that demand for visa numbers in the EB1 category has declined significantly. Thus, approximately 12,000 unused EB1 numbers will be available to shift downward to the EB2 category, starting in May 2011.

According to Charlie Oppenheim, Chief, Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting Division, U.S. Department of State "this situation will allow to advance the India EB-2 cut-off date for May. The reason being that all ?otherwise unused? numbers are provided strictly in priority date order, and the India demand has the largest concentration of early dates.?"

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