

EMPLOYMENT BASED

	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA – Mainland Born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	C	C	C	C
2nd	C	22Oct07	01Sep04	C	C
3rd	22Dec2006	01Jul06	01Nov02	22Dec06	15Aug06
Other Workers	22Dec06	01Jul03	01Nov02	22Dec06	15Aug06
4th	C	C	C	C	C
Certain Religious Workers	C	C	C	C	C
5th	C	C	C	C	C
Targeted Employment Areas/Regional Centers and Pilot Programs					

*Employment Third Preference Other Workers Category: Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997, as amended by Section 1(e) of Pub. L. 105-139, provides that once the Employment Third Preference Other Worker (EW) cut-off date has reached the priority date of the latest EW petition approved prior to November 19, 1997, the 10,000 EW numbers available for a fiscal year are to be reduced by up to 5,000 annually beginning in the following fiscal year. This reduction is to be made for as long as necessary to offset adjustments under the NACARA program. Since the EW cut-off date reached November 19, 1997 during Fiscal Year 2001, the reduction in the EW annual limit to 5,000 began in Fiscal Year 2002.