

DIRECTOR OF NEWLY FORMED BUREAU OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES NAMED

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Mr. Eduardo Aguirre has been named Director of the newly formed Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS.) The BCIS will formally begin operations on March 1, 2002 as the direct replacement of the current Immigration and Naturalization Service's petition adjudication division. Initially, very little will change in the way that BCIS accepts, processes and adjudicates nonimmigrant and immigrant visa petitions.

Mr. Aguirre is currently the vice chairman and first vice president of the Export-Import Bank.