

## CIUDAD JUAREZ TO RESULT SOME THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING

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The U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez has advised that it will resume processing of some nonimmigrant visas for third country nationals. The consulate plans to process all types of visa renewals for which the initial visa was issued in the home country. The consulate also plans to issue visa renewals for applicants who obtained a change of status from DHS (INS) from one nonimmigrant class to another, unless that initial class was B-1 or B-2.

Ciudad Juarez WILL process those who arrived in the U.S. with a B1/B2 visa with a "prospective student" annotation, but will NOT process those who seek to change to another nonimmigrant status from an un-annotated B or who arrived in the U.S. with a B visa with no annotation and later obtained a change to another nonimmigrant status.

Ciudad Juarez does not intend to process E applications, nor will it accept cases with "special processing requirements."

Ciudad Juarez will begin allowing applicants to make appointments in the near future. Generally, appointments must be made two weeks in advance.