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MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER, DIRECTOR, ARTESIA

- FROM: Michael A. Pearson /s/ by David P. Peter Executive Associate Commissioner Office of Field Operations
- SUBJECT: Current List of American Association of Blood Banks Accredited Parentage Testing Laboratories

The attached memorandum dated January 15, 2002, is effective immediately.

On July 14, 2000, a memorandum entitled "Guidance on Parentage Testing for Family-Based Immigrant Visa Petitions" was issued by the Office of Programs. Attached to that memorandum was a list of parentage testing laboratories that had been accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) that was to be provided by Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) offices to petitioners who were required to undergo DNA testing to establish a claimed parental relationship. The AABB has recently updated the list of accredited parentage testing laboratories. This updated list (dated October 25, 2001) is attached to this memorandum and should now be used by all Service offices.

Attachments (3)