

EB-1 China and EB-1 India Retrogress; No Movement for EB-2 and EB-3 India



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The January 2023 Visa Bulletin was released. It shows something we have not seen in awhile - EB-1 China and EB-1 India are no longer current.

EB-1 China and EB-1 India Final Action Dates both fell back to February 1, 2022. (The Date for Filing is June 1, 2022) This represents increased filings in the EB-1 preference category for those trying to avoid the longer EB-2 and EB-3 backlogs.

Unfortunately, EB-2 India and EB-3 India did not move at all. It is more cold water in the face of those who could not complete their I-485 process in 2021 or 2022.

Overall, the Department of State estimates that the FY 2023 employment-based annual limit will be approximately 197,000, due to approximately 57,000 unused family-based numbers from FY 2022. This is down from approximately 281,500 in FY 2022, and obviously portends for much slower movement going forward.

For more info on the outlook for FY 2023 see: https://lnkd.in/enE2whct

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