

UPDATE ON YEAR 2005 H-1B CAP USAGE

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The USCIS cap for H-1Bs for year 2005 is 65,000. A representative from the USCIS announced on June 11, 2004 at the American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference that as of the end of May, 2004 16,100 H-1B petitions have already been submitted and counted towards the 2005 cap. Petitions for new H-1B employment with a start date of October 1, 2004 were accepted by the USCIS beginning April 1, 2004.

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