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Sub: Suspension of Holt International Children Services, USA.

As you are aware, the operation of Holt International Children Services, USA (AFAA) to mediate Inter-country adoption with India has been suspended w.e.f. 5th Jan 2018. In this context, CARA had requested Office of Children's Issues, US Central Authority & US Department of State, Washington DC, USA to transfer the cases of registered parents and pipeline cases at different stages which are under process through AFAA i.e. Holt International Children Services, USA. It has been informed to US Central Authority that the Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) may be permitted to choose a new Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency (AFAA) to further process their cases.

2. All pipelines cases where NOCs have been issued and are in the various stages of finalisation shall be allowed to proceed. Fresh NOCs would be issued in the name of new AFAA and final Conformity Certificate shall also be issued in the name of new AFAA, which shall be responsible for submitting the mandatory post placement reports.

3. No fresh cases of registration or approval of registered cases will be allowed or processed through Holt International Children Services, USA (AFAA) till further orders.

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