

# FOREIGN ADOPTION OF HAGUE CONVENTION ADOPTEE CHECKLIST

Name of Attorney or Filing Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caption of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

## PETITION

Petition Requirements pursuant to La.Ch.C. Art. 1285.1  
The petition for adoption of a Hague Convention adoptee shall be styled: "In re \_\_\_\_\_, Applying for Adoption of Hague Convention Adoptee." The petition or an attached exhibit shall state:

### FOR EACH PETITIONER:

- full name     address     age     occupation  
 marital status of each petitioner

### CHILD:

- recorded birth name  
 name known to petitioners  
 date of birth, if unknown, the approximate age of the child  
 place of birth

### OTHER:

- date the child entered the home of the petitioners  
 circumstances under which child entered the home of the petitioners  
 any relationship existing between the petitioners and the child

**Documents related to a convention adoption shall require no authentication in order to be admissible unless a specific and supported claim is made that the documents are false, have been altered, or are otherwise unreliable.**

**Children with IH-4 visas do not acquire automatic citizenship upon entry to the United States, but become permanent residents and receive a permanent resident card (green card). A certificate of citizenship may be obtained by filing an N-600 form with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.**

## MUST BE INCLUDED:

The following documents ***MUST*** be included in the record to have adoption granted:

Hague Custody Declaration issued by a United States consular officer **AND**

Copy of the child's IH-4 Visa

### OR

Certificate from the US Secretary of State that the legal custody of the child was granted in compliance with federal law.

### ADDITIONAL:

- petitioner's marriage license → to prove they are legally married  
 affidavit of fees and expenses  
 child abuse clearances  
 criminal records check  
 home study

### TIME REQUIREMENT

#### **Final Decree Before Interlocutory Decree**

Upon due consideration of the factors enumerated in Article 1285.6(B), the court may render a final decree of adoption at the first hearing, without the necessity of first entering an interlocutory decree, if the child was placed in the petitioner's home by a licensed agency and the child has lived in that home for at least six months prior to the hearing for adoption.

#### **Final Decree After Interlocutory Decree**

The child shall have lived with the petitioner for at least one year and at least six months shall have elapsed after the granting of an interlocutory decree before the petitioner may file a petition for final decree of adoption.

DOCKET NO:	ADOPTIVE PARENTS:
CHILD'S NAME:	
NAME CHANGE:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:

## NOTES