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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-71-10

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL CDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EMIGRATING CHILDREN

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL 09-10)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has received numerous questions regarding the Hague Convention on International Adoption requirements for emigrating children, children who are being placed for adoption outside of the United States (U.S.). While Family Code section 8924 addresses emigrating children, CDSS would like to direct you to more detailed resources outlining the requirements for emigrating children. The U.S. Department of State has several publications which will help all licensed adoption agencies navigate The Hague requirements related to children emigrating from the U.S. Those publications can be located at the following web address:

U.S. Department of State - Bureau of Consular Affairs, Intercountry Adoption  
<http://adoption.state.gov>

If you have any questions about this letter please contact me at (916) 651-7465 or the Permanency Policy Bureau at (916) 657-1858.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed By:**

Karen B. Gunderson, Chief  
Child and Youth Permanency Branch  
Children and Family Services Division

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS