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CHINA VISA APPLICATION CHANGES

Visa Notice from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China

On May 3, 2009, the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China issued a notice that effective May 4, 2009, the China visa processing time is extended to 6 business days. Rush and Express services are temporarily unavailable. Every applicant is required to complete a Declaration Form indicating where they have traveled over the past two weeks as part of their application materials. The new visa regulation applies to all Chinese visas, including tourist and business categories.

U.S. travelers are advised to submit China visa application materials as soon as possible to avoid delays.

PRC Embassy Notice with Declaration Form:

<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/t478763.htm>

General procedures for visa application can be found on the PRC Embassy website (<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/>) or via the various PRC consulates in the U.S. (<http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/eng/qianzhen/>).