

Request for Records Disposition Authority

Records Schedule Number DAA-0566-2021-0001
Schedule Status Approved

Agency or Establishment Citizenship and Immigration Services
Record Group / Scheduling Group Records of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Records Schedule applies to Agency-wide
Schedule Subject American Baptist Church Settlement - Administrative Documents and Documents with no Alien Number

Internal agency concurrences will be provided No

Background Information

In 1985, a group of organizations (including American Baptist Churches) filed a lawsuit against the government. They claimed that the government discriminated against certain Guatemalans and Salvadorans who had filed for asylum. In 1990, the attorneys on both sides of the lawsuit agreed to settle the case outside of court. The agreement they made is commonly known as the "ABC Settlement Agreement." The ABC Settlement Agreement provided some immigration benefits for certain Guatemalans and Salvadorans.

The ABC Settlement Agreement required the government to give notice of the agreement to certain individuals. This notice is referred to as Notice 5 and was sent at the end of July 1995.

Notice 5 informed Salvadoran class members who applied for TPS that:

They had a right to new asylum adjudications. In order to remain eligible for ABC benefits, they must apply for asylum by January 31, 1996, if an asylum application was not already on file with USCIS or EOIR. They had the right to file a new application, even if they had an asylum application pending before USCIS or EOIR, but were not required to do so. If class member received a Notice 5, they had 90 days from the date of notice to apply for asylum under the ABC settlement agreement.

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent Disposition Items	Number of Temporary Disposition Items	Number of Withdrawn Disposition Items
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Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0566-2021-0001

Sequence Number	
1	ABC Settlement records that cannot be associated with an Alien Number. Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0566-2021-0001-0001
2	Administrative documents associated with membership in the ABC Settlement Class. Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0566-2021-0001-0002

Records Schedule Items

Sequence Number	
1	<p>ABC Settlement records that cannot be associated with an Alien Number.</p> <p>Disposition Authority Number DAA-0566-2021-0001-0001</p> <p>Correspondence between INS and members of the ABC settlement class that cannot be associated with an Alien Number.</p> <p>Final Disposition Temporary</p> <p>Item Status Active</p> <p>Is this item media neutral? Yes</p> <p>Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? No</p> <p>Disposition Instruction</p> <p>Retention Period Destroy immediately after approval of schedule</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>GAO Approval Not Required</p>
2	<p>Administrative documents associated with membership in the ABC Settlement Class.</p> <p>Disposition Authority Number DAA-0566-2021-0001-0002</p> <p>Change of address cards and other administrative documents associated with membership in the ABC Settlement Class.</p> <p>Final Disposition Temporary</p> <p>Item Status Active</p> <p>Is this item media neutral? Yes</p> <p>Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? No</p> <p>Disposition Instruction</p> <p>Retention Period Destroy immediately after approval of schedule</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>GAO Approval Not Required</p>

Agency Certification

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

Signatory Information

Date	Action	By	Title	Organization
11/02/2020	Certify	Andrew Smith	Management and Program Analyst	USCIS - USCIS
11/05/2020	Return for Revision	Ashby Crowder	Archives Specialist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA
11/06/2020	Submit For Certification	Tracy Hamblet	Program Analyst	IRIS - IIMD
11/12/2020	Certify	Andrew Smith	Management and Program Analyst	USCIS - USCIS
03/15/2021	Submit for Concurrence	Rania Mahmoud	Appraisal Archivist	National Archives and Records Administration - Records Management Services
03/24/2021	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Services	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
03/25/2021	Concur	Laurence Brewer	Chief Records Officer	National Records and Archives Administration - National Records and Archives Administration
03/29/2021	Approve	David Ferriero	Archivist of the United States	Office of the Archivist - Office of the Archivist