

Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity

Policy Manual

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**Policy:** This policy governs IAAME's monitoring and oversight processes. This policy contains

requirements for reporting and activities, as governed by 22 CFR 96.6, 96.66 and 96.72, related to IAAME's monitoring and oversight of an accredited agency (agency) or approved person (person) for ongoing compliance with the applicable standards.

### A. Overview:

- Monitoring and oversight throughout the period of accreditation or approval is a crucial and important factor in serving the best interests of children and families. IAAME gathers, analyzes, and acts on information it receives throughout the agency's or person's accreditation or approval period.
- 2. IAAME offers a minimum of quarterly contact by phone or video with the agency or person. This communication is designed to foster ongoing discussion and build a working relationship between IAAME and the agency or person. During the quarterly contact, IAAME and the agency or person may review:
  - a) information regarding any changes in procedures, requirements, laws, or regulations
  - b) the status of any open complaints
  - c) the status of any adverse actions
  - d) any upcoming training opportunities
  - e) any upcoming mandatory reporting due dates
  - f) information related to anticipated/potential changes in accreditation or approval status (e.g. upcoming expirations/relinquishments, renewal process, etc.)
  - g) any questions or concerns posed by the agency or person

Agencies and persons are welcome to contact IAAME at any time with questions or concerns.



- 3. IAAME completes ongoing monitoring and oversight tasks including, but not limited to:
  - a) Providing technical support
  - b) Requesting reports and data from agencies or persons
  - c) Processing documents and other materials related to an agency's or a person's activities related to oversight, including but not limited to Self-Reports and Mandatory Reports
  - d) Processing complaints in accordance with Policy 005
  - e) Processing Compliance Investigations
  - f) Processing adverse action in accordance with Policy 006
  - g) Sending reports and data to the Department of State
  - h) Updating information in the IAAME Portal and the Adoptions Tracking Service
  - i) Conducting on-site reviews

### **B.** Monitoring and Oversight Activities

### 1. Compliance Investigations

- a) A compliance investigation is conducted when a potential deficiency is found in an agency's or person's compliance that is:
  - i. Discovered outside of routine monitoring and oversight activities
  - ii. Discovered during routine monitoring and oversight activities, but the potential deficiency is outside the original scope of the activity being reviewed
- b) In completing a Compliance Investigation, IAAME notifies the agency or person of the potential deficiency and requests evidence from the agency or person to demonstrate the agency or person is or is not in compliance with the applicable standards.
- c) IAAME imposes adverse action as applicable based on the findings of the investigation. See Policy 006.

#### 2. Self-Reports

- a) IAAME requires agencies or persons to submit self-reports when certain events occur(ed) or are planned to occur which have or potentially have an impact on child safety, the agency or person's operations, and/or the agency's or person's ability to remain in compliance with the standards.
- b) Self-reports are to be submitted based on the requirements outlined in the table below.
- c) Self-reports must be submitted in the agency or person's Portal and include all required supporting evidence.



	A. Suitability of Agencies and Persons			
Self-Report	Explanation	Required Evidence	Reporting Time	
1. Agency or person has lost the right to provide adoption services in any State or country  see 22 CFR 96.30 (a) and (b), 96.35 (b)(1), (b)(2), and (e), and 96.42 (e)	The agency or person:  Iost the right to provide adoption services in any State or country  was debarred or otherwise denied the authority to provide adoption services in any State or country  State or country	<ul> <li>Notice from the licensing or regulatory authority including any review and/or investigative findings, and the basis for such action</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the loss of the right to provide adoption services</li> <li>List of active cases in the foreign country, including status of each active case and the plan for initiation of case transfers, as applicable</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of the loss of the right to provide adoption services in any State or country	
2. Initiation of suspensions, negative sanctions or disciplinary action(s)  see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(3), (b)(4), and (e)	The agency or person:  • received licensing suspensions for cause or other negative sanctions by oversight bodies  (Oversight bodies include, but are not limited to: Internal Revenue Service, Federal Trade	<ul> <li>Notice of the suspension, negative sanction or disciplinary action(s), including the basis of the action</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the suspension, negative sanctions, or disciplinary action(s)</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of the suspension, negative sanction, or disciplinary action(s)	



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	Commission, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of State, Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, and State Attorneys General)  • received disciplinary action(s) by a licensing or accrediting body  (An accrediting body other than IAAME)		. Only Muridia
3. Disposition of suspensions, negative sanctions or disciplinary action(s)  see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(3), (b)(4), and (e)	The agency or person:  Received the disposition of licensing suspensions for cause or other negative sanctions by oversight bodies  (Oversight bodies (Oversight bodies include, but are not limited to: Internal Revenue	<ul> <li>Notice of the disposition of the suspension, negative sanctions, or disciplinary action(s)</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the disposition of the suspension, negative sanctions, or disciplinary</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of the disposition of suspension, negative sanction(s), or disciplinary action(s)



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	Service, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of State, Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, and State Attorneys General)  Received the disposition of disciplinary action(s) by a licensing or accrediting body (An accrediting body other than IAAME)	action(s), as applicable	
4. Notification and disposition of any written complaint(s) related to the provision of adoption-related services filed with any State, Federal or foreign regulatory body  see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(5), and (e)	The agency or person has received notification and disposition of a complaint related to the provision of adoption-related services filed with any State, Federal or foreign regulatory body	<ul> <li>Notice of the filing, including the basis and disposition of the complaint</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the disposition of the complaint, as applicable</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of the disposition of the complaint



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5. Initiation of investigation(s) by Federal or public domestic authorities, criminal charge(s), child abuse charge(s), or lawsuit(s) against the agency or person related to the provision of child welfare or adoption-related services  see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(6) and (e)	The agency or person is notified of an investigation by Federal authorities or public domestic authorities, criminal charge(s), child abuse charge(s), or lawsuit(s) against the agency or person related to the provision of child welfare or adoption-related services  (Federal or public domestic authorities include but are not limited to: Police, Sheriff, Child Welfare Authorities, State or Federal Judicial System, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of State, Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Department of Homeland Security, and State Attorneys General)	<ul> <li>Notice, including the basis for, investigation(s), criminal charge(s), child abuse charge(s), or lawsuit(s)</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the investigation, as applicable</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of notification of investigation(s) , criminal charge(s), child abuse charge(s), or lawsuit(s)
6. Convictions of crimes or violations of	The agency or person has been found guilty of any crime under Federal, State, or foreign law or	Copy of the conviction or violation	Within thirty (30) business days from the receipt of formal



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financial irregularities see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(7) and (e)	has been found to have committed any civil or administrative violation involving financial irregularities under Federal, State, or foreign law	Action(s) taken or to be taken in response to the conviction or violation	notice of conviction or violation
7. <b>Bankruptcy</b> see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(8) and (e)	The agency or person filed for bankruptcy	<ul> <li>Explanation of reason(s) for the bankruptcy</li> <li>Court filings related to the bankruptcy</li> <li>The plan for continued service delivery to clients and/or the plan for discontinuing service delivery</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the filing for bankruptcy
8. Businesses or activities that are inconsistent with the principles of the Convention  see 22 CFR 96.35 (b)(9), (c)(5) and (e)	There have been or are currently businesses or activities carried out by the agency or person (including individual directors, officers, and employees), affiliate organizations, or by an organization in which the agency or person has an ownership or controlling interest, that are inconsistent with the principles of the Convention	<ul> <li>Detailed explanation of businesses or activities</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken in response to the related businesses or activities</li> <li>Note: depending on the scenario, IAAME may ask for additional information</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of notification of the businesses or activities
9. External disciplinary proceeding(s) related to the provision of	The agency or person is notified of the external disciplinary proceeding(s)	Notice related to the external disciplinary proceeding(s), including the	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of the disciplinary proceeding(s)



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adoption-related services, regarding an agency's or person's individual directors, officers, and employees  see 22 CFR 96.35 (c)(1), and (e)	related to the provision of adoption-related services	name(s), title/position of the individual(s), and the basis for the disciplinary proceeding(s) • Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the issues leading to the disciplinary proceeding(s)	
10. Convictions or current investigations of any individual in a senior management position for acts involving financial irregularities  see CFR 96.35 (c)(2), and (e)	The agency or person is notified of the convictions or current investigations of any individual in a senior management position for acts involving financial irregularities	<ul> <li>Notice related to the convictions or current investigation, including the name, title/position of the individual, and the basis of the conviction(s) or investigation(s)</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the issues related to the convictions or current investigations</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of the convictions or current investigations
11. For Individual Practitioner Lawyers: loss of good standing and any disciplinary action considered by the State bar association, regardless of whether the action relates to	The individual practitioner lawyer:  • had a loss in good standing and/or  • had disciplinary action considered or taken	<ul> <li>Explanation of the reason(s) the lawyer is not in good standing</li> <li>Explanation of any disciplinary action considered or taken</li> <li>Relevant documentation for the loss of good standing</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the notification of loss of good standing and/or disciplinary action



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intercountry adoption see 22 CFR 96.35 (d)(3) and (e)		<ul> <li>and disciplinary action</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the loss of good standing and/or disciplinary action</li> </ul>	
12. For Individual Practitioner Social Workers: loss of good standing  see 22 CFR 96.35 (d)(4) and (e)	The individual practitioner social worker had a loss in good standing	<ul> <li>Explanation of reason(s) the social worker is not in good standing</li> <li>Relevant documentation for the loss of good standing</li> <li>Action(s) taken or to be taken to address the loss of good standing</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of notification of loss of good standing
13. Disposition of legal action filed by an agency or person against a current or previous intercountry adoption client  see 22 CFR 96.52 (e)	The agency or person initiated legal action against a current or former intercountry adoption client and the final judgement or order for dismissal has been issued	Final judgment or order for dismissal	Within thirty (30) business days of receipt of final judgement or order for dismissal



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	B. CEO, Structur	e, and Location		
Self-Report	Explanation	Required Evidence	Reporting Time	
1. Change in agency's or person's CEO or equivalent official  see 22 CFR 96.32 (a); 96.34 (d)	The agency or person has made a change in CEO or equivalent official	<ul> <li>Name of new or interim CEO or equivalent official</li> <li>Evidence confirming the new or interim CEO or equivalent official has all of the required qualifications as outlined in 96.32(a)</li> <li>Details of wages or salary</li> <li>Effective date of the change</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the effective date of the change	
2. Change in corporate structure  see 22 CFR 96.30, 96.31, and 96.32 (e)	The agency or person undergoes a change in non-profit or for-profit status, or has decided to merge with, acquire, or be acquired by another organization or entity	Change in non-profit or for-profit status:  Explanation of reason(s) for the change  and  For decisions to change status:  Copy of the board resolution and copies of the state and IRS filing for a change in corporate structure  Documents demonstrating the change in status  *See B.2.c. below for additional	Within thirty (30) business days of the decision to change non- profit or for- profit status  or  Within thirty (30) business days of the decision to, merge with, acquire or be acquired by another organization  or	



information IAAME may request related to a change in status  or  For loss of status: • Notice of loss of non-profit status received from the IRS  For decision to merge with, acquire or be acquired by another organization: • Name of the other organization(s) and accreditation/ approval status(es) • Narrative including reason for merger or acquisition, changes in service delivery, impact on financial position, impact on or plan for active intercountry adoption cases • *B.2.c. See below for additional information IAAME may request related to a merger or acquisition		Policy Manual
For loss of status:  Notice of loss of non-profit status received from the IRS  For decision to merge with, acquire or be acquired by another organization:  Name of the other organization(s) and accreditation/approval status(es)  Narrative including reason for merger or acquisition, changes in service delivery, impact on financial position, impact on or plan for active intercountry adoption cases  *B.2.c. See below for additional information IAAME may request related to a merger or	request related to a change in	business days of an unplanned
	For loss of status:  Notice of loss of non-profit status received from the IRS  For decision to merge with, acquire or be acquired by another organization:  Name of the other organization(s) and accreditation/approval status(es)  Narrative including reason for merger or acquisition, changes in service delivery, impact on financial position, impact on or plan for active intercountry adoption cases  *B.2.c. See below for additional information IAAME may request related to a merger or	



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3. Change in address or location  see 22 CFR 96.30 (a), 96.32 (e), 96.33 (e), and 96.42 (d)	There is a change in agency's or person's primary or secondary address(es) or location(s)	For adding an address or location:  The address or documentation that no physical and/or mailing address is required  Adoption services to be provided at the location, as applicable  If the location is primary or secondary  If the location address is a physical, mailing, physical and mailing, as applicable  State license or certificate or documentation a license or certificate is not required  Date of the change  For closing an address or location:  Date of closure  Plans to transfer custody of any adoption records, as applicable  Plans to transfer active clients, as applicable	Within thirty (30) business days of the date of the change



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	C. Adoption Services and Supervised Providers			
Self-Report  1. Intent to initiate incoming adoption services  see 22 CFR 96.47 - 96.52	Explanation  The agency's accreditation or person's approval does not include incoming adoption services, and the agency or person plans to initiate providing adoption services in connection with incoming cases	Narrative     regarding the     decision to initiate     providing     adoption services     for incoming     cases     Evidence required in     the Tables of     Evidence for     Standards for     Convention Cases in     Which a Child is     Immigrating to the     United States (96.47- 96.52)	Reporting Time Within thirty (30) business days of the decision to initiate and prior to providing adoption services in incoming cases	
2. Intent to initiate outgoing adoption services  see 22 CFR 96.53 - 96.55	The agency's accreditation or person's approval does not include outgoing adoption services, and the agency or person plans to initiate providing adoption services in connection with outgoing cases	<ul> <li>Narrative regarding the decision to initiate providing adoption services for outgoing cases</li> <li>Evidence required in the Tables of Evidence for Standards for Convention Cases in Which a Child is Emigrating from the United States (96.53-96.55)</li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the decision to initiate and prior to providing adoption services in outgoing cases	
3. Initiation or discontinuation by the agency or person to provide adoption services as a primary	The agency or person initiates or discontinues providing adoption services as a primary provider in a foreign country	For Initiation:  Narrative regarding the decision to initiate adoption services in a foreign country	Within thirty (30) business days of the initiation of or discontinuation of providing adoption services as a primary provider in a foreign country	



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provider in a foreign country  see 22 CFR 96.42 (e), 96.44 (a) and (b)		<ul> <li>Authorization to provide adoption services from the Central Authority, Competent Authority, or equivalent, if applicable. If not applicable, a statement as to why it is not applicable.</li> <li>Service Plan Template</li> <li>Country Fees</li> <li>For Discontinuation:</li> <li>Date the agency or person ceased providing adoption services in the foreign country</li> <li>Complete list of active cases in the foreign country, including status of each active case and plans for completion of cases or initiation of case transfers and refunds for services not yet rendered, as applicable</li> </ul>	
4. Change in non- accredited or approved supervised provider in the United States	The agency or person has initiated or discontinued a relationship with supervised provider in the United States who is a not	For Initiation:  • Evidence the supervised provider in the United States is in compliance with	Within thirty (30) business days of the execution of the agreement or the date of the discontinuation of the relationship



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see 22 CFR	accredited or	all applicable	
96.45 (a) and (b),	approved	State licensing	
and 96.52 (e)		and regulatory	
		requirements in	
		all jurisdictions in	
		which it provides	
		adoption services	
		Evidence of the	
		efforts to confirm	
		the supervised	
		provider in the	
		United States	
		does not engage	
		in practices	
		inconsistent with	
		the Convention's	
		principles of	
		furthering the best	
		interests of the	
		child, and	
		preventing sale,	
		abduction,	
		exploitation or	
		trafficking of	
		children	
		Evidence that	
		before entering	
		into the	
		agreement with	
		the supervised	
		provider in the	
		United States,	
		that the	
		supervised	
		provider disclosed	
		the suitability	
		information listed	
		in 96.35	
		Agreement,	
		including	
		applicable	
		attachments	



	For Discontinuation:
	Correspondence     with the     supervised     provider in the     United States     documenting the     discontinuation of     the relationship
5. Change in foreign supervised provider  see 22 CFR 96.46 (a) and (b), and 96.52 (e)  The agency or person has initiated or discontinued a relationship with a foreign supervised provider	For Initiation:  Evidence the foreign supervised provider is in compliance with the laws of the foreign country in which it operates  Evidence of the efforts to confirm the foreign supervised provider does not engage in practices inconsistent with the Convention's principles of furthering the best interests of the child, and preventing sale, abduction, exploitation or trafficking of children  Evidence that before entering into the agreement with the foreign supervised provider, the foreign



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supervised provider disclosed the suitability information listed in 96.35  Evidence of the efforts to confirm the foreign supervised provider does not have a pattern of licensing suspensions or sanctions and has not lost the right to provide adoption services in any jurisdiction  Evidence the foreign supervised provider is accredited in the foreign country in which it operates, if required. If not required, a statement regarding why it is not required.  Agreement, including applicable attachments  For Discontinuation:  Correspondence with the foreign supervised provider documenting the discontinuation of the relationship



6. Termination of agency's accreditation or person's approval  see 22 CFR 96.33 (e) and 96.42 (d) and (e), and 96.52 (e)	The agency or person plans to discontinue provision of intercountry adoption services as an agency or person	<ul> <li>Request to relinquish accreditation or approval, or</li> <li>Notification the agency or person will allow its accreditation or approval to expire</li> <li>Request or notification to include:         <ul> <li>Effective date</li> <li>Plan to transfer any adoption records, as applicable</li> <li>List of active cases in each foreign country, including status of each active case</li> <li>Plan to complete active cases prior to discontinuati on or to transfer active cases and provide refunds, as applicable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Within thirty (30) business days of the decision to discontinue adoption services
7. Change in agency's or person's designation in the Portal	The agency or person is no longer acting as a primary provided or has decided to act as a primary provider	Notification the agency or person will no longer act as a primary provider or has decided to act as	Within thirty (30) business days of the decision to change status



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see 22 CFR 96.52 (e) and 96.55 (f)		a primary provider  Notification to include:  Effective date List of active cases in each foreign country, including status of each active case or if no cases a statement there are no active cases, as applicable Plan to complete active cases prior to dis- continuation or to transfer active cases and provide refunds, as applicable	r olicy ivialitial
	D. Finance	and Fees	
Self-Report	Explanation	Required Evidence	Reporting Time
1. Completion of agency's or person's independent audit  see 22 CFR 96.33 (b) and (c)	The agency's or person's finances were subject to an independent audit	A copy of the independent audit     Accompanying management letter or qualified opinion letter, as applicable. If no management or qualified opinion letter is available to provide, a statement declaring no such document exists	Within thirty (30) business days from the receipt of the completed independent audit



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2. Completion of agency's or person's annual internal financial review	The agency's or person's finances were subject to an annual internal review	Evidence that the agency or person completed its internal financial review	Within thirty (30) business days from the completion of the annual internal financial review
see 22 CFR 96.33 (b) and (e)			

### E. Child Safety for Incoming and Outgoing Cases

\*These reports are the responsibility of the Primary Provider, unless the Primary Provider is no longer accredited or approved. In such circumstances, the responsibility falls to the accredited agency or approved person who received the information.

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Self-Report	Explanation	Required Evidence	Reporting Time
1. Serious injury of a child post- placement see 22 CFR 96.52 (a) and 96.55 (a)	During the post- placement period a minor child sustains a serious injury resulting from abuse, neglect, and/or a criminal offense	A detailed explanation of the occurrence	Within five (5) business days of learning of a serious injury to a child placed for adoption
2. Serious injury of a child post- adoption see 22 CFR 96.52 (e) and 96.55 (f)	After the adoption is finalized, a minor child sustains a serious injury resulting from abuse, neglect, and/or a criminal offense	A detailed explanation of the occurrence	Within five (5) business days of learning of a serious injury to an adopted child
3. Information regarding a potential dissolution of an adoption see 22 CFR 96.52 (e) and 96.55 (f)	Information is received by the agency or person of the adoptive parent's intent to dissolve the adoption	Information     known about the     potential     dissolution	Within five (5) business days of learning of the adoptive parent's intent to dissolve the adoption
4. Disruption of a placement for adoption	During the post- placement period, there has been an interruption	Disruption     Summary to     include but not	Within five (5) business days of learning of



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see 22 CFR	adoption. This includes	information	occurring
96.43 (b), 96.50	but is not limited to when	required by 96.43	
(c), (d), (e) and	the prospective adoptive	(b) and the	
(f), 96.52 (e), and	parents report they no longer wish to move	following:	
96.55 (f)	forward with the	Narrative	
	adoption.	regarding the	
		efforts of	
	see 22 CFR 96.2 for	providing or	
	definition of post-	arranging for	
	placement	counseling	
		Narrative     Authorized who	
		outlining who assumed/ is	
		assuming	
		custody, how the	
		agency or person	
		assisted with the	
		arrangement of	
		another	
		placement or	
		assumed custody	
		of the child for	
		the purpose of	
		making another	
		placement	
		Evidence of	
		consultation with	
		the Secretary to	
		notify the foreign	
		Central Authority	
		about any new	
		prospective adoptive	
		placement	
		Narrative	
		outlining how the	
		child's views	
		were considered,	
		as applicable	
		If the child was	
		returned/is being	
		returned to the	
		country of origin,	
		evidence the	



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		Secretary and the Central/Compete nt Authority of the country of origin approved the return in writing	
5. Dissolution of an intercountry adoption  see 22 CFR 96.43 (b), 96.51 (d), 96.52 (e), and 96.55 (f)	There has been a termination of the adoptive parents' parental rights	Dissolution     Summary     Evidence of     consultation with     the Department if     the child was or is     to be returned to     the country of     origin	Within five (5) business days of learning of the termination of parental rights occurring
6. Death of a child post-placement see 22 CFR 96.52 (a), 96.55 (e)	During the post- placement period, there is a death of a minor child  see 22 CFR 96.2 for definition of post- placement	A detailed explanation of the occurrence	Within five (5) business days of learning of the death of a child placed for adoption
7. Death of a child post-adoption see 22 CFR 96.52 (e), and 96.55 (f)	After the adoption is finalized, there is a death of a minor child and:  • the death is attributed to an undisclosed medical condition(s) that was not known at the time of the adoption, or  • the child committed suicide, and/or  • the death was a result of abuse, neglect, and/or a criminal offence	A detailed explanation of the occurrence	Within five (5) business days of learning of the death of an adopted child



d) Additional information to be provided to IAAME upon request, as applicable.

*Change in Corporate Structure Additional Information: see 22 CFR 96.30, 96.31 and 96.32 (e)	For Change in Status:
	For Merger/Acquisition:  A copy of the amended by-laws, articles of incorporation, or other comparable, legally effective statements of the merger/ acquisition, as soon as available  Copies of all required licenses or authorizations to provide intercountry adoption services  Employee Profile reflecting the agency or person post acquisition or merger

### e) Processing of Self-Reports

- i. Within twenty (20) business days of receipt of a self-report, IAAME reviews the submitted self-report. IAAME requests additional evidence from the agency or person as needed, providing an identified timeframe for submission.
- ii. Once all evidence is received, IAAME processes the self-report within the timeframes identified below:
  - 1) Within fifteen (15) business days for self-reports with a five (5) business day reporting time
  - 2) Within forty-five (45) business days for self-reports with a thirty (30) business day reporting time
- iii. IAAME assesses applicable standards for each self-report using the Substantial Compliance System, and makes a final determination regarding any deficiencies.



Determinations include a finding that:

- 1) The evidence demonstrates the agency or person is in substantial compliance with applicable standards
- 2) The evidence demonstrates the agency or person is not in substantial compliance with applicable standards and adverse action may be warranted. See Policy 006.

### 3. Mandatory Reports

In addition to self-reports, IAAME requires all agencies or persons to provide mandatory reports. IAAME may impose adverse action as applicable based on the findings of the review. See Policy 006.

### a) 22 CFR 96.43 Requirements:

Agencies or persons who act as a primary provider are required to maintain all data required by 22 CFR 96.43 and to submit this data on an annual basis. This data is maintained within the Portal client applications reporting function in the Portal. Agencies and persons may choose to generate and maintain reports outside of the Portal as well to meet this requirement.

### b) Semi-Annual Report on Complaints (SARC)

Pursuant to 22 CFR 96.41 (f), agencies or persons are required to submit a SARC to IAAME and the Secretary. This activity is made available in the Portal on April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year and is due within ten (10) business days of April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. IAAME notifies the agency or person once the SARC has been processed and provides instruction for the agency or person to submit the SARC to the Secretary.

#### c) Annual Attestation of Substantial Compliance

Pursuant to 22 CFR 96.66 (c), agencies or persons are required to submit an Annual Attestation of Substantial Compliance. This activity is made available in the Portal on January 1st of each calendar year and is due by January 31st.

### d) Annual Financial Status Report

Pursuant to 22 CFR 96.33 (e) and 96.52 (e), and 96.55 (f), agencies or persons are required to submit evidence it operates on a sound financial basis with two months operating expenses in reserves. This activity is made available in the Portal on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year and is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.



e) Annual reporting of Agency's or Person's Adoption Services Fees or Expenses

Pursuant to 22 CFR 96.43 (b) and (d) and 96.52 (e), agencies or persons are required to submit to IAAME and the Secretary on an annual basis information regarding the agency's or person's adoption service fees and expenses. This information is due within thirty (30) business days of request.

### C. Falsification and Misrepresentation or Failure to Provide Information

- 1. Agencies or persons who submit false or fraudulent statements or misrepresentations to IAAME are subject to adverse action including possible debarment. Pursuant to section 404 of the IAA, criminal penalties and civil penalties/enforcement may also result from such actions.
- 2. Pursuant to 96.25 (c), if an agency or person fails to provide the requested evidence or information or fails to make employees available as requested, the agency or person may be subject to adverse action.

#### D. On-Site Reviews

IAAME may conduct an on-site review as needed.

### E. Public Requests for Information

Public requests for information related to an agency or person are processed by IAAME Management. IAAME only releases information in accordance with applicable State and Federal law, including the regulations in 22 CFR Part 96.