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Final Action Dates Advance in Visa Bulletin for July; Possible Expiration of Employment Fifth and Regional Center Visa Categories Noted

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The Department of State's Visa Bulletin for July includes advances in final action dates for China (moving forward almost two months, to November 8, 2015), and Vietnam (leaping forward almost two years, to April 1, 2020).

The bulletin also notes that since there has not yet been legislative action to extend the EB-5 regional center program, final action dates for the I5 and R5 categories are listed as "Unavailable" for July. If Congress extends the regional center program for July, the final action dates would immediately become "Current" for July for all countries except China-mainland born I5 and R5, which would be subject to a November 8, 2015, final action date, and Vietnam I5 and R5, which would be subject to an April 1, 2020, final action date, the bulletin states.