

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

2015 H-2B Interim Final Rule FAQs

**Round 6: Clarification of Handling Special Procedure Occupations under the
2015 H-2B IFR**

1. Will the current special procedures continue under this Interim Final Rule?

The 2015 IFR removes the regulatory provision authorizing the Department to create new special procedures. The Department will continue to accept H-2B applications for professional athletes, tree planting and related reforestation, and professional/outdoor entertainers under the existing special procedures. However, the Department is in the process of expeditiously reviewing special procedures applicable to the H-2B program. The public will be advised when the Department's review is complete and any impact on current special procedures.