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The Department of Labor's Office of Foreign Labor Certification has announced that it will stop sending Adobe PDF copies of approved Temporary Labor Certifications (TLCs) to H-2A employers and authorized representatives on Nov. 18, 2013.

USCIS previously issued an [alert](#) ^[2] allowing H-2A petitioners to temporarily file Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, with a copy of the signed, certified TLC. To align with the Department of Labor's return to normal practice, USCIS's temporary accommodation will expire on Nov. 29, 2013. Beginning Dec. 2, 2013, USCIS will revert back to its previous filing practice, and will not accept any Form I-129 H-2A petitions filed without the certified TLC on blue security paper with original signatures.

For more information about the TLC and original signatures requirements, please see these [frequently asked questions](#) ^[3]. For more information about the H-2A program, visit www.uscis.gov ^[4].

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