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TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Income
 Maintenance

DATE: September 9, 1991

SUBJECT: Food Stamps: Policy Clarification Regarding Aged,
 Blind or Disabled Aliens Under the
 Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Food Stamp Directors
 Income Maintenance Directors
 Staff Development Coordinators

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ATTACHMENTS: None

FILING REFERENCES

| Previous ADMs/INFs | Releases Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. Ref. |
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| 88 ADM-22 | | | | FSSB | |
| 89 INF-12 | | | | V-B-3.4 X-H-1 | |

The purpose of this release is to provide local districts with clarification of food stamp policy regarding the eligibility of aliens who are aged, blind, or disabled and are admitted under section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

As defined in FSSB V-B-3.4, aliens who are aged, blind or disabled in accordance with section 1614(a)(1) of the Social Security Act and are lawfully admitted for permanent residence pursuant to section 245A(b)(1) of the INA are eligible for food stamps. Aged, blind or disabled aliens who have been admitted for temporary residence under section 245A of the INA are also eligible for food stamps if they meet all other food stamp eligibility criteria. They will likely possess an I-688 "Temporary Resident Card" which will indicate they were admitted under section 245A of the INA as Lawful Temporary Residents (LTRs).

Note that aliens who have been granted temporary resident alien status by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) are not eligible for public assistance under the ADC, ADC-U or VA programs. They may, however, receive EAA or EAF benefits if otherwise eligible.

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