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FILE# [Redacted] Office: Miami

Date: APR 21 2003

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility under  
Section 212(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8  
U.S.C. 1182(i)

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ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:  
[Redacted]

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This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

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Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
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**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the District Director, Miami, Florida, and the matter is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Haiti who attempted to procure admission into the United States on February 16, 1994, by presenting a Haitian passport and Resident Alien Card in another person's name. She was charged with being inadmissible under sections 212(a)(6)(C)(i) and 212(a)(7)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(C)(i) and § 1182(a)(7)(A)(i), for having attempted to procure admission into the United States by fraud and for being an immigrant without a valid immigrant visa or lieu document. The applicant was paroled into the United States for a hearing.

The applicant married a native of Haiti and naturalized U.S. citizen on June 7, 1996, and that marriage was terminated.

The applicant seeks a waiver of the permanent bar under section 212(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(i), to remain in the United States.

The district director denied the application on the ground that the applicant failed to have any qualifying relatives, and therefore, she was ineligible for a waiver under section 212(i) of the Act.

On appeal, counsel states that the applicant has a U.S. citizen child born in November 1998. Counsel also asserts that the application should be adjudicated under the statute in effect at the time of her violation and not based on the IIRIRA amendments.

An appeal must be decided according to the law as it exists on the date it is before the appellate body. In the absence of explicit statutory direction, an applicant's eligibility is determined under the statute in effect at the time his or her application is finally considered. *Matter of Patel*, 19 I&N Dec. 774, 779 (BIA 1988) (citing *Bradley v. Richmond School Board*, 416 U.S. 696, 710-1 (1974)). If an amendment makes the statute more restrictive after the application is filed, the eligibility is determined under the terms of the amendment. Conversely, if the amendment makes the statute more generous, the application must be considered by more generous terms. *Matter of George and Lopez-Alvarez*, 11 I&N Dec. 419 (BIA 1965); *Matter of Leveque*, 12 I&N Dec. 633 (BIA 1968).

Section 212(a)(6)(C) of the Act provides, in part, that:

(i) Any alien who, by fraud or willfully misrepresenting a material fact, seeks to procure (or has sought to procure or has procured) a visa, other documentation, or admission into the United States or other benefit provided under this Act is inadmissible.

Section 212(i) of the Act provides that:



(1) The Attorney General, may, in the discretion of the Attorney General, waive the application of clause (i) of subsection (a)(6)(C) in the case of an alien who is the spouse, son or daughter of a United States citizen or of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, if it is established to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the refusal of admission to the United States of such immigrant alien would result in extreme hardship to the citizen or lawfully resident spouse or parent of such an alien.

(2) No court shall have jurisdiction to review a decision or action of the Secretary regarding a waiver under paragraph (1).

A review of the record reflects that the applicant has no qualifying relatives to establish her eligibility for the above waiver. Therefore, the appeal will be dismissed. A child is not a qualifying relative under 8 C.F.R. § 212(i).

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.

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