

Memorandum



BIA 06-03

Subject	Date
Case Holds Lifted - Matter of CYZ (traditional or customary marriages) and Canadian departure	September 19, 2006
To	From
Board Legal Staff	Lori L. Scialabba, Chairman

As a result of the publication of *Matter of S-L-L-*, 24 I&N Dec. 1 (BIA 2006), the existing hold (temporary suspension of the adjudication time limits) on cases involving the question of whether the Board's holding in *Matter of C-Y-Z-*, extends to traditional or customary marriages is lifted. You should resume normal case adjudication on this issue. Cases that were placed in designated cabinets pending the publication of *Matter of S-L-L-* shall be returned to the panels for adjudication.

In addition, the hold on cases involving aliens who traveled from the United States to Canada to seek a refugee determination and the applicability of various charges (especially overstay charges) to such aliens who may remain in or be placed in removal proceedings, regardless of whether they have or have not been returned from Canada under the Reciprocal Agreement is also lifted.