

Australia Central Authority (ACA)

2014. 9. 3

Agreement

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2. Obtain and process all legal documents of the children necessary to meet the requirements of the Republic of Korea and each state and territory of Australia.
3. Process all documents in Korea needed to bring the children to Australia.
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5. Accept family studies from the ACA and assess them to approve the adoption suitability of each prospective adoptive family
6. Provide assistance and help for adoptive parents who travel to Korea.
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President and CEO
Eastern Social Welfare Society
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Date 28/8/14

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On behalf of the Australian Central Authority
Attorney-General's Department
Barton ACT 2600
Australia

Date 15/8/14



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On behalf of the Australian Central Authority
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Date 21 September 2015

Date 11 September 2015



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Intercountry Adoption Policy & Program Management Section
Department of Social Services
Canberra, ACT
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Dear s 22

I hope that you are doing well. And I am grateful for your cooperation and mediation to facilitate agreement renewal.

Actually, amendments have been made to the existing adoption practices in Korea and subsequent new requirements from the adoption authorities have occurred. One of them is regarding agreement renewal with overseas partner agencies as the following:

It is imperative that agreements with overseas partner agencies be renewed annually and the result be reported to the head of the Ministry of Health and Welfare without delay.

Please find enclosed two copies of new adoption agreement and sign the signature sections and send one copy back to us.

I would like you to send our warm regards to all the people at DSS and to deliver our thanks and expectations for close cooperation as well.

Sincerely,

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Kim, Hye Kyung

Director

Adoption Services Department

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Department of Social Services
 Greenway ACT 2600
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Date 30-7-2018

Date 6/8/2018

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Date

6/11/2019

Date

28 June 2019

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Acting Branch Manager
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Date *July 7, 2021*

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Date *29/07/2021*

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Date 28 July 2022

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Date 12/7/2023

Date 15/07/2023

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