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On April 17, 2009, Bill C-37 will come into effect.

The New Citizenship Law was drafted to prevent “Canadians of convenience”; however, in attempting to solve this problem, the government has created regulations that are confusing and create many inequities for potentially 2,000 internationally adopted children who are adopted by Canadian citizens or permanent residents each year.

If you are a Canadian citizen who has already adopted a child outside Canada – or if you are planning to do so – changes to the citizenship law could affect you or your child, depending on <http://www.sunriseadoption.com/articles/citizenship2009> the way they obtained – or will obtain their citizenship.

Parent’s ability to pass on their citizenship to children born or adopted outside Canada will change.

An article written by Douglas Chalke of Sunrise Adoption Agency in B.C is quite comprehensive and detailed in helping families understand how this legislation might impact families who are adopting from international countries.

Immigration and Citizenship Canada has also posted some detailed information and possible scenarios on its websites: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizenship/law-citizenship.asp>

The ACO will continue to monitor this issue and invite questions and concerns on this topic.



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