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Subject: **Relaxation in Norms for Re-issue of OCI Cards**

As per existing instructions, the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholder registration is required to be got re-issued each time a new passport is issued up to the age of 20 years and once after completing 50 years of age in view of biological changes in the face of the OCI cardholder.

2. The above instructions on re-issue of OCI Cards have been revised as follows:

(i) The existing requirement to re-issue an OCI Card each time a new passport is issued to an OCI cardholder up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age has been dispensed with;

(ii) An OCI cardholder should get the OCI card re-issued once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age.

(iii) An OCI cardholder may upload a copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder and also a latest photo on the online system under OCI Miscellaneous Services each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age. These documents may be uploaded by the OCI cardholder within three months of receipt of the new passport.

(iv) In the case of those who have been registered as OCI cardholder as spouse of foreign origin of a citizen of India or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholder, the OCI cardholder shall upload a copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder and also a latest photo on the online system under OCI Miscellaneous Services each time a new passport is issued. In such cases, the OCI cardholder and his/her Indian spouse or OCI cardholder spouse will have to give a declaration that their marriage is still subsisting. Copy of Indian passport of the Indian spouse/Passport and OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse shall also be uploaded in such cases. These documents may be uploaded by the OCI cardholder (spouse of foreign origin) within three months of receipt of his/her new passport.

(v) Immediately on uploading of documents as mentioned in sub-paras (iii) and (iv) above, an e-mail will be sent to the OCI cardholder confirming that documents have been successfully uploaded. After necessary security verification, another e-mail will be sent to the OCI cardholder informing that the updated details have been taken on record.

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(vi) There will be no restriction on the OCI cardholder to travel to/from India during the period from the date of issue of new passport till the date of final acknowledgement of his/her documents in the online system.

(vii) Necessary action is being taken to develop appropriate modules under OCI Miscellaneous Services in the OCI portal to implement the above decisions regarding uploading of documents.

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