HD01273F REV. 01/2011

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS
101 S. Mercer St., P. O. Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16103

SFN: _____
(For Vital Records Use Only)

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN-BORN CHILD *(Pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S. § 2908)*

(See reverse side for instructions regarding child's citizenship and birth certificate)

PART 1: ADOPTED CHILD'S INFORMATION (Type or print in black ink)

1. As Listed on the Foreign Birth Certificate: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2. As it Appears on the Foreign Adoption Decree: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Full name of the adopted child as he/she is to be known from this time forward is:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ Country of Birth _____ Registration # _____
(As listed on Child's U.S. Visa)

PART 2: Complete information as listed in the Petition to Register Foreign Adoption Decree or Petition for Adoption of a Foreign Born Child

ADOPTIVE FATHER'S INFORMATION

2. Father's Name (First, middle, last)
_____

3. Date of Birth_____ Age at time of child's birth _____

4. State or Country of Birth_____

5. Social Security #_____

6. Is father a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Is father a resident of Pennsylvania? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S INFORMATION

8. Mother's MAIDEN Name (First, middle, maiden name)
_____

9. Date of Birth_____ Age at time of child's birth_____

10. State or Country of Birth_____

11. Social Security #_____

12. Is mother a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Is mother a resident of Pennsylvania? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. Check appropriate box if applicable: ☐ Single adoptive parent ☐ Adoptive parents of same gender

15. Adoptive parents' address *(as listed in the Petition to Register Foreign Adoption Decree or Petition for Adoption of a Foreign Born Child)*

Street_____ City_____

County _____ State_____ Zip Code _____ Telephone No. (____)_____

PART 3: Name and address of legal counsel or adoption agency, if applicable:

Name of Attorney/Agency _____ Street_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code _____ Telephone No. (_____)_____

PART 4: **CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY CLERK**

State of _____ County of _____ Case Number _____ Date of Decree_____

Full name of the adopted child as he/she is to be known from this time forward is:_____

I hereby certify that the child described above was adopted pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S. § 2908 by the parent(s) as shown above.

Signature of Clerk_____ Date Signed_____

SEAL OF COURT

Report sent to Vital Records _____
(Date)

Instructions Regarding Child's Citizenship and Birth Certificate

1) Requesting Certified Copy of Child's Birth Record from Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records:

This child's birth record will be filed with the Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records (Division) upon the submission of the following acceptable documentation:

- Certificate of Adoption of a Foreign-Born Child (*Pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S. § 2908*) that includes certification of the Court (Form HD01273F)
- Statement of Citizenship and Residency (Form HD01275F)

A certified copy of this child's birth record may be obtained by completing and returning an Application for Certified Copy of Birth Record to the Division. This application form is available on the Department's website at www.health.state.pa.us/vitalrecords or by writing to: Division of Vital Records, 101 S. Mercer Street, P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16103.

The individual requesting the record must submit a legible copy of his or her valid government issued photo identification. Examples of acceptable identification are a state issued driver's license or non-driver photo identification that verifies the eligible requestor's name and current address. Payment in the amount of $10.00 for each copy requested must be included. This fee may be waived for dependents of individuals who served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

2) Notifying Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records of child's citizenship:

Providing **one** of the documents listed below, which verifies the child's name as it appears on the Certificate of Adoption of a Foreign-Born Child, will enable the Division of Vital Records (Division) to issue requested certified copies of this child's birth record without a notation that the certificate is not evidence of U.S. citizenship. Even if the foreign born child satisfies the requirements of 8 U. S. C. § 1431 or § 1433, one of the following documents must be provided to prove U. S. citizenship. If available, the Court will provide either or both of the following documents to the Pennsylvania Division at the time the Certificate of Adoption of a Foreign-Born Child (*Pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S. § 2908*) is filed:

- Copy of the adopted child's U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560)
- Copy of the adopted child's U.S. Passport

If neither document is submitted by the Court or with the Application for Certified Copy of Birth Record, the Division must, by law, include a notation on the certificate that it is not evidence of U.S. citizenship. However, a copy of this child's U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560) or U.S. Passport may be submitted to the Division at a later date so that a certified copy of the child's birth record may then be issued without this notation.