**Section 333.3 Authorization of Child Placing Agencies/Agents**

a) In order to place a foreign born child in the State of Illinois for the purpose of adoption:

1) an in-state agency must be licensed as a child welfare agency as defined by Illinois law.

2) agencies in Interstate Compact States must be licensed as a child placing agency by the state in which they are located and must comply with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

3) all foreign placing agencies must submit:

A) a license or court documents which authorize that agency to place children for adoption.

B) sample documents and supportive material that document their procedures for working with Illinois families and ability to meet the Illinois pre-adoption requirements listed in Section 333.4.

b) The Department shall give due consideration to the substitution of specific required documents where, for good reason, non-U.S. based placing agencies are unable to meet the established requirements for qualifications as an authorized agency.

c) A person, agency or organization other than a licensed child care institution or child welfare agency, may not receive a foreign child without prior notice to and approval of, the Department.

d) Any placing party which knowingly or repeatedly submits incomplete, inaccurate, false or misrepresentative credentials or information regarding children shall be precluded from placing children in the State of Illinois. Such placing party may again be authorized by approval of the Intercountry Adoption Coordinator, upon satisfactory proof that such practices have been eliminated.