

## PREFACE

This volume is the latest addition to AILA's growing library of global immigration publications. It is an anthology of articles on recent developments in more than a dozen countries, including many key destinations such as the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada, Mexico, Australia, India, Hong Kong, and Japan.

This book also has two articles that span multiple jurisdictions; one on the topic of intercountry adoptions and another on new emerging global minimum due process standards for deportation and exclusion. In addition, this book includes a "heads-up" article on the United States's poorly understood special expatriation tax on certain expatriating U.S. citizens and former lawful permanent residents, as well as a useful overview article with practice tips on how to respond to inquiries about non-U.S. immigration projects.

In building a global immigration library, readers may wish to include other AILA publications on worldwide immigration laws including AILA's *Global Immigration Guide: A Country-by-Country Survey*, *Citizenship Laws of the World*, *Thinking Beyond Borders: The 2004 Global Immigration Summit Handbook*, and *The Global Immigration Guide: Crossing Borders for Business*.

These books will not make anyone an expert on another country's immigration laws. They are, however, an excellent place to start the search for practical guidance on immigration processes around the world.

This book is the result of the international collaboration of immigration professionals from many countries, and recognition first must be given to the contributors who created this book—the authors of the articles included in this volume. Special thanks are due to AILA's world-class publications staff led by its director, the estimable Tatia L. Gordon-Troy. Many thanks to Managing Editor Kristine Tungol Cabagnet, who spent many hours diligently reviewing the articles in this book. Thanks also to my AILA and professional colleague, George Maxwell, for his invaluable editorial assistance in reviewing these manuscripts.

We have done our best to make this volume informative, up-to-date, and concise. However, as with all immigration law, the continued accuracy of the information should always be confirmed and updated by checking with appropriate government sources and expert local immigration counsel before being used as a basis for action on any immigration case. As experienced immigration lawyers worldwide are well-aware, immigration rules and "best practices" change often.

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