USCIS translation certification

A one-page guide to the federal translation rule, with illustrative wording to review with the actual translator.

WHAT 8 CFR 103.2(b)(3) REQUIRES

1. A full English translation accompanies a foreign-language document submitted to USCIS.
2. The translator certifies that the translation is complete and accurate.
3. The translator certifies competence to translate from the source language into English.

ILLUSTRATIVE CERTIFICATION WORDING

Example only - this is not a signed certification or a universal USCIS form.

Source document: [title, issuing office and pages covered]

I, [translator's full name], certify that I am competent to translate from Spanish into English. I certify that the attached English translation of the source document identified above is complete and accurate.

Translator's printed name: _____

Translator's signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact details: [include if your form or notice requests them]

Only the translator who checked the complete source and translation should sign.

BEFORE YOU FILE

- Match each translated page to the source, including content-bearing reverse sides, stamps and notes.
- Check the current form instructions or notice for any additional signature, contact or format details.
- Keep the certification with the correct translation; do not submit this unfilled example.

PRIMARY SOURCE

8 CFR 103.2(b)(3) - Translations (Electronic Code of Federal Regulations)

The rule does not supply one mandatory certificate template. Follow the instructions for your filing.
This sheet explains translation preparation; it is not legal or immigration advice or an acceptance guarantee.