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## Responses to Information Requests

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### **BFA104574.FE**

Burkina Faso: Title V, Nationality (De la nationalité), of the Code for Persons and the Family (Code des personnes et de la famille), particularly amendments thereto since 1996  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

#### **1. Amendments to Title V, Nationality, of the Code for Persons and the Family**

In correspondence with the Research Directorate on 9 September 2013, a lawyer practising in Burkina Faso in a firm specializing in several areas of law, including immigration law (Kéré Avocats n.d.), stated that, to his knowledge, [translation] "the Code for Persons and the Family in Burkina Faso has not ... been amended." Corroborating information and information on amendments to Title V of the Code for Persons and the Family could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

#### **2. Implementation of Title V, Nationality, of the Code for Persons and the Family**

In separate correspondence with the Research Directorate on 14 September 2013, the lawyer stated that [translation] "to our knowledge, there have been no difficulties applying this section [Title V of the Code for Persons and the Family], and given the official publications, a number of individuals have applied for Burkinan nationality." Corroborating information and information on the implementation of Title V of the Code for Persons and the Family could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection.

Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

## References

Kéré Avocats. 14 September 2013. Correspondence from a lawyer to the Research Directorate.

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## Additional Sources Consulted

**Oral sources:** Attempts to contact representatives of the following organizations were unsuccessful: Embassy of Burkina Faso in Canada; Barreau du Burkina Faso; Mouvement burkinabé des droits de l'homme et des peuples; Secrétariat général du Gouvernement et du Conseil des ministres.

**Internet sites, including:** African Legal Information Institute; AllAfrica; Amnesty International; Barreau du Burkina Faso; Burkina Faso – Embassy of Burkina Faso in Canada, Assemblée nationale, ministère de la Justice, ministère des Affaires étrangères et de la Coopération régionale, Secrétariat général du Gouvernement et du Conseil des ministres; ecoi.net; Factiva; Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'homme; Freedom House; Human Rights Watch; *Jeune Afrique*; Lexadin; Open Society Institute; Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques; United Nations – Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Refworld; United States – Department of State, Law Library of Congress.

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