China: The procedure to be followed when obtaining a replacement resident identity card in Tianjin (2003 - 2005)

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Information on the procedure to be followed when obtaining a replacement resident identity card in Tianjin could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, according to Article 11 of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Resident Identity Cards, when the term of validity of a resident identity card expires, or the citizen's name registered in it needs to be altered, or the card is so seriously damaged that what is registered becomes illegible, a new card shall be applied for; if the items registered in a resident identity card have mistakes, the public security organs shall promptly correct them and reissue a new card; the original card shall be returned when a new card is obtained. Those who lose their identity cards shall apply for new ones (PRC 28 June 2003).

As indicated by the Canadian Consulate General in Hong Kong in 6 February 2005 correspondence to the Research Directorate, a resident may report a lost card to the Public Security Bureau (PSB) and pay a fee to obtain a replacement card. The resident may, upon request, receive a certification from the PSB indicating that he has reported the loss (Canada 6 Feb. 2005). No advertisement (or "announcement") in a newspaper or anywhere else is required for a lost card (ibid.).

In 22 December 2005 correspondence to the Research Directorate, a representative with the Canadian embassy in Beijing stated that the embassy was unable to comment on "the variability of local requirements for obtaining a replacement identity card." Further information on the procedures followed when applying for a replacement resident identity card could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References


_____ 6 February 2005. Canadian Consulate General in Hong Kong. Correspondence from an official.

Additional Sources Consulted

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ottawa did not provide information within the time constraints of this Response.

**Internet sites, including:** China Internet Information Center, Factiva, Government of China Web Portal, United Kingdom Home Office.

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