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China: Whether collective *hukous* contain a box or area which indicates when the person named on the collective hukou had his or her Resident Identity Card issued; whether all sections of the *hukou* (e.g., occupation, place of employment) must be completed

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In 11 May 2007 correspondence to the Research Directorate, a professor of International Affairs specializing in Asian politics at the Georgia Institute of Technology, indicated that, based on the collective *hukous* he has seen, he believes that they have a box or area indicating when the person named on the hukou had his or her Resident Identity Card issued. Regarding whether all sections of a hukou, such as the "employment" section, need to be completed, the Professor stated that they must be completed but that "unemployed" is a legitimate entry (11 May 2007). The professor noted, however, that "updating [a hukou] can be tricky" once the "employment" section is filled in as "unemployed" (11 May 2007).

Further or corroborating information on these issues 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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

Professor of International Affairs specializing in Asian politics, Georgia Institute of Technology. 11 May 2007. Correspondence sent to the Research Directorate.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: The Canadian Embassy in Beijing, the Canadian Consulate General in Guangzhou did not provide information within the time constraints of this Response. Research conducted by a researcher at the Institute for International Studies at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia did not yield information within the time constraints of this Response.

Internet sites: *Asia Times*, Factiva, Google, Keesing Reference Systems, United Kingdom Home Office, United States Department of State.

Publications: Wang, Fei-Ling. 2005. *Organizing Through Division and Exclusion: China's Hukou System*. Stanford University Press: Stanford, California.

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