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BORDER UPDATE ALERT

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US-VISIT LAND BORDER ENTRY/EXIT FACTS ABOUT SYSTEM PLANNED TO BE INTRODUCED DECEMBER 31, 2004 AT THOSE LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY ON THE U.S./CANADA BORDER (U.S. NORTHERN BORDER) DESIGNATED AMONG THE LARGEST 50 LAND BORDER PORTS.

FROM A BRIEFING WITH US-VISIT MANAGEMENT

THE MANDATE IS TO IMPLEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2004 A SYSTEM THAT SHARES ESSENTIAL INFORMATION (INTEROPERABLE DATA MANAGEMENT THAT CAPTURES, MATCHES AND REPORTS) AND UTILIZES BIOMETRICS TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

(U.S. AND MOST CANADIAN CITIZENS ARE EXEMPT)

ALL US-VISIT PROCESSING WILL BE AT SECONDARY (NO ADDED ACTIVITY OR TIME AT PRIMARY BOOTHS)

IT IS EXPECTED THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO GO TO SECONDARY CURRENTLY WHEN ENTERING THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO GO TO SECONDARY AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2004.

US-VISIT DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS ENTERING THE U.S. AT THESE LAND BORDER PORTS AFTER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE AS USUAL DIRECTED TO SECONDARY WHERE 2 INDEX FINGERPRINTS AND A PICTURE WILL BE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR USUAL DISCUSSION WITH THE OFFICER WHEN BEING ISSUED AN I-94 (CURRENT USVISIT AIRPORT/SEAPORT SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY IS TO BE APPLIED TO THE REQUIRED INDIVIDUALS AT THE LAND BORDER AT SECONDARY).

RADIO FREQUENCY (RF) CAPABILITY, BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL NEXUS PROGRAM, IS PLANNED TO BE INSTALLED AT ALL U.S. ENTRY BOOTH LANES AND EXIT ROAD LANES. AT LEAST ONE ENTRY BOOTH LANE AND ONE EXIT ROAD LANE AT EACH OF THE TOP 50 LAND BORDER PORTS WILL USE THIS RADIO FREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RF TECHNOLOGY WILL PERMIT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AS THE TRAVELERS APPROACH THE INSPECTION BOOTHS AT ENTRY, AS WELL AS WHEN THE VEHICLE EXITS THE UNITED STATES. THE TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AT SPEED SO THAT VEHICLES EXITING THE COUNTRY WILL NOT HAVE TO SLOW DOWN FROM CURRENT TRAFFIC PATTERNS. DATA WILL BE READ, COMPARED AND MATCHED.

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