



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations  
Office of Field Operations  
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FROM: Executive Director  
Admissibility and Passenger Programs  
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Digital Approval Notification for Form I-590 (Registration for  
Classification as a Refugee.

On June 24, 2016, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) began implementing digital approval for select refugee applications. Refugee status granted digitally will be processed in the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System. Digitally-approved cases will no longer be manually stamped with an "Approval" stamp, instead, a Digital Approval Report (DAR) serving as approval confirmation will accompany the Form I-590. The DAR contains the following information: the date, time, and name of the USCIS officer who approved the application.

CBP officers will continue to encounter manually stamped Registration for Classification as a Refugee until all Form I-590 are electronically processed. For digitally-approved cases, certain sections of the adjudication forms may not contain the standard handwritten annotations and signatures. These sections are: Section IV (Bars and Inadmissibilities) and Section VI (Decision) of the Refugee Application Assessment, as well as the (b) (7)(E)  
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**Topic:** Digital Approval Notification for Form I-590 (Registration for Classification as a Refugee.

**HQ POC:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Office:** Enforcement Programs

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- The DAR contains the following information:
  - The date
  - Time
  - Name of the USCIS officer who approved the application.
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