



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations

Director, Preclearance
Operations (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FROM: Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Extended Grants of Advance Parole by USCIS

On January 15, 2010, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released a memorandum to their Field Leadership to provide interim field guidance for various forms of relief as a result of the January 12, 2010, Haiti earthquake. The guidance applies to nationals and habitual residents of Haiti. In this guidance, USCIS addresses the extension of grants of advance parole.

Due to disruption of consular services following the earthquake and in recognition of the humanitarian needs of affected aliens, USCIS has authorized the automatic extension of advanced parole until March 12, 2010, for those aliens who are currently in Haiti or nationals or habitual resident of Haiti outside of the United States if their advanced parole authorization, Form I-512, Authorization for Parole of Aliens into the United States, expires between January 12, 2010 and March 12, 2010.

CBP supports the efforts of USCIS and continues to work with DHS components to identify and support relief efforts as a result of events in Haiti. This memorandum provides general guidance for CBP officers processing travelers presenting a Form I-512. CBP officers encountering travelers meeting USCIS specification should be processed according to established procedures for an Advance Parole. The document should be considered prima facie valid until March 12, 2010. CBP is coordinating with air carriers to ensure they are aware of this policy. CBP will remain vigilant in accomplishing its priority mission to protect U.S. borders. CBP officers should continue to process alien applicants in accordance with established law and regulations.

Ports are reminded that significant issues or events should continue to be reported through the chain of command in accordance with existing policies and procedures. Admissibility questions related to the Haiti crisis may be directed to the (b) (7)(E) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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- On January 15, 2010, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) authorized the automatic extension of advanced parole for those aliens who are currently in Haiti or nationals or habitual residents of Haiti outside of the United States.
- This automatic extension applies if the alien's advanced parole authorization, Form I-512, Authorization for Parole of Aliens into the United States, expires between January 12, 2010 and March 12, 2010.
- CBP officers encountering aliens meeting USCIS specification should be processed according to established procedures for an Advance Parole.
- The document should be considered prima facie valid until March 12, 2010.
- CBP is coordinating with air carriers to ensure they are aware of this policy.
- CBP officers should continue to process alien applicants in accordance with established law and regulations.