



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

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations  
Director, Preclearance Operations  
Office of Field Operations

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SUBJECT: APIS Operations and TECS Modernization

The Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) is the most critical law enforcement tool for identifying travelers of interest before travel to or from the United States and for facilitating legitimate travelers. (b) (7)(E) are essential to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations. As part of the CBP TECS Modernization, the Office of Field Operations (OFO) is working closely with the Office of Information and Technology (OIT) to (b) (7)(E) APIS data.

Some new functionality has been deployed in the TECS Portal including (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) During the next several months, OFO and OIT will continue to transition APIS functionality from legacy TECS to the new TECS portal. During this time, APIS penalties will continue to be assessed against carriers for non-compliance of APIS requirements.

To further support APIS operations, the (b) (7)(E) mailbox has been established for Field Offices and Ports of Entry to communicate with the APIS team regarding APIS compliance. Additional information on processing APIS penalties under TECS Modernization will be provided as new functionality is added to the TECS Portal.

Please provide current points of contact including the APIS Field Coordinator (AFC) at your Field Office and Local APIS Penalty Coordinators (LAPC) at each port of entry. Please include the name, phone number, e-mail address, and Field Office information. This information can be submitted to the (b) (7)(E) mailbox, and is requested by January 22, 2016.

Please disseminate this memorandum to all ports of entry within your area of responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Director, Traveler Entry Programs at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or Program Manager (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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