

Weekly Muster

**Week of Muster:** Immediate

**Topic:** Applicants for admission lacking appropriate entry documents

**HQ POC/Office:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Programs Division

CBP Officers have a tremendous responsibility in protecting our nation's borders and in enforcing the existing laws of the United States. This muster serves to reiterate our responsibilities in regard to arriving persons to the United States.

- All persons arriving into the United States are inspected to determine their:
  - Citizenship;
  - Alienage; and,
  - Admissibility.
- Pursuant to 8 CFR 235.1, all persons must establish U.S. citizenship to the inspecting officer's satisfaction, or that he or she will be inspected as an alien.
- All aliens must establish to the satisfaction of the inspecting officer that the alien is not subject to removal under the immigration laws, Executive Orders, or Presidential Proclamations, and is entitled, under all of the applicable provisions of the immigration laws, to enter the United States.
- CBP officer who cannot determine to their satisfaction a person's eligibility to enter the United States upon primary inspection, must be referred for secondary inspection in the appropriate operating system (b) (7)(E)
- Any person that is not admitted to the United States must have appropriate case processing in the (b) (7)(E) system, or subsequent processing systems.
- Under no circumstance will any person that has presented themselves for admission, or is discovered at the port of entry, be released or turned over to another agency without being admitted, paroled, or placed in removal proceedings.
- If an alien indicates in any manner or at any time during the inspection process, that he or she has a fear of persecution, that he or she has a fear of return to where they came, or that he or she has suffered or may suffer torture; you are required to refer the alien to an asylum officer for a credible fear determination, or to the Immigration Judge for limited review.
- All aliens whose credible fear claim is being considered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Asylum Officer, or who are subject to the mandatory detention provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act will be referred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) for detention.

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