Family Reunification Parole Process for Nationals of Ecuador

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has established a Family Reunification Parole (FRP) process, providing certain individuals who are nationals of Ecuador and their qualifying immediate family members the opportunity to travel to the United States with an approved Advance Travel Authorization (ATA) issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to seek parole.

Each individual traveling under FRP must be in possession of a valid, unexpired passport and have their own individual approved ATA issued by CBP.

Qualifying immediate family members may be of any nationality and are limited to spouse or common-law partner and unmarried children under the age of 21. They are eligible to travel on an ATA if traveling with the principal beneficiary, but as noted above, must have their own ATA. If a qualifying immediate family is identified as traveling without the principal beneficiary, contact CBP as indicated below.

Individuals determined to be noncitizen unaccompanied children (UC), as described in 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2), are not eligible for parole under this process. If you encounter a minor with an approved travel authorization traveling without their parent or legal guardian, contact CBP as indicated below.

Carriers should not be accepting paper printouts of travel authorizations as the sole mechanism for issuing a boarding pass and allowing the traveler(s) to board the aircraft.

The passport number is the only document number to be transmitted by airlines. DO NOT transmit the A-number, a facilitation document number, or any other data in the second document field.

Air carriers participating in CBP's Document Validation (DocVal):
- A- Valid U.S. Document on File response: Boarding is permitted
- Z- Not applicable response: Should not be boarded. Contact the Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG).
- D- No Valid U.S. Document on File response: Should not be boarded. Contact the RCLG.

Air Carriers not participating in Document Validation:
- Z- Not applicable response: Should not be boarded. Contact the RCLG.
- D- No Valid U.S. Document on File response: Should not be boarded. Contact the RCLG.

If you have a question on boarding a traveler, it should be directed to the appropriate RCLG, Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Officer, or Joint Security Program (JSP) Officer.