

October 23, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Directors, Field Operations
Directors, Field Operations
Director, Pre-Clearance

FROM: Executive Director /s/
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Treasury Enforcement Communication System (TECS) Name
Change
(b) (7)(E)

This memorandum is to inform your office of the official name change for the Treasury Enforcement Communication System (TECS).

The Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Information and Technology has requested and received approval from the Deputy Commissioner to change the name of TECS to simply "TECS," with no definition of the acronym. The TECS name change is needed to remove "Treasury" from the name and to recognize that TECS is not a communication system or network. However, due to its universal recognition, CBP will retain the use of the 'TECS' name.

The legal document used to change the system name is the System of Records Notice (SORN). CBP and the Department of Homeland Security have been working to update and finalize the TECS SORN for publication in the fall of 2008. All CBP memorandum and publications will no longer use the "Treasury Enforcement Communication System" acronym definition. Directors, Port Directors, and management officials are to ensure that CBP Officers are familiar with this notification. Please find attached muster for immediate distribution.

Please direct all questions regarding the information provided in this memorandum to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Director, Traveler Entry Programs, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Attachment

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