

August 5, 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations

Director, Preclearance
Operations

FROM: Executive Director /s/
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Children in Parents' Passports

This is to establish policy for the processing of alien children who are not citizens of Visa Waiver Program (VWP) countries and are included in their parents' passports. Effective immediately, CBP officers shall accept non-VWP passports that include the bearer's child/children and which contain a valid nonimmigrant visa for each applicant for admission.

Each arriving VWP applicant, including children, must have an individual passport for admission under the VWP. However, some non-VWP country governments will not issue passports to children, and the U.S. Department of State routinely issues nonimmigrant visas to children in their parents' passports.

Questions or concerns regarding U.S. passport requirements may be directed to (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7), Program Manager, at (b) (6), (b) (7).