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

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FROM: Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger

SUBJECT: Unaccompanied Alien Delegation of Authority

The Office of Field Operations (OFO) is forwarding the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Regarding Unaccompanied Alien Children. The information provided in the attached document should be disseminated to all ports of entry.

Field Operations would like to reinforce the importance of the Unaccompanied Alien Children Program to DHS. The Delegation of Authority will allow the Department to implement and sustain sound strategies to improve the program.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** Acting Director, Enforcement Programs at **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

Attachments

Issue Date:

DELEGATION TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY REGARDING UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN

I. Purpose

This delegation vests authority in the Assistant Secretary for Policy to coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and between DHS and Federal, State, tribal, and local entities to implement responsibilities related to unaccompanied alien children, and to enter into written agreements that advance the Department's interests in meeting such responsibilities.

II. Delegation

Subject to my oversight, direction, and guidance, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Policy the authority to:

- A. Coordinate collaboration within the Department of Homeland Security and between the Department of Homeland Security and Federal, State, tribal, and local entities for the purposes of implementing responsibilities related to unaccompanied alien children; and
- B. Enter into written agreement between DHS, and Federal, State, tribal, and local entities regarding unaccompanied alien children, as appropriate.

III. Re-delegation

Unless re-delegation is otherwise prohibited by law, the authorities delegated herein may be re-delegated in writing to an appropriate subordinate official of the Office of Policy, provided that the authority to enter into written agreement under this Delegation may not be re-delegated below the Deputy Assistant Secretaries level.

IV. Authorities

- A. Section 102 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-296, as amended, Title 6, United States Code (U.S.C.) § 112, "Secretary, functions"

B. Immigration and Nationality Act § 103 (codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103)

C. Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations § 2.1, "Authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security"

V. Office of Primary Interest

The Office of Policy has the primary interest in this delegation.

Janet Napolitano
Secretary of Homeland Security

Date