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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Director, Preclearance Operations
Office of Field Operations (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FROM: Acting Executive Director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Use of the Inspector's Field Manual

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform your office that the Office of Field Operations (OFO) is removing the Inspector's Field Manual (IFM) from CBP net. The IFM in its present format is outdated and does not contain current operational procedures.

Though the IFM is a comprehensive "how to" manual detailing official CBP policies and procedures for CBP's immigration mission, it is often used in concert with several other references: the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA" or "Act"), Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR), and official CBP directives, among others. The IFM was not intended to duplicate or replace any of them.

Although CBP officers have routinely used information from the IFM to process passengers at ports of entry, OFO is instructing the field to stop using the IFM as a source of information for passenger processing. Effective immediately, field offices are being asked to delete from their local webpages all links and references to the IFM.

Please ensure that this memorandum is disseminated to all ports of entry within your jurisdiction and that supervisors brief this issue at musters. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Acting Executive Director, Admissibility and Passenger Programs at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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