



U.S. Customs and  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations  
Office of Field Operations

Director  
Preclearance, Operations

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

SUBJECT: Visa Foil Number- Alphanumerical

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DOS will not move to the alphanumeric foils at all posts on a given date. Rather, each post will exhaust its current stock of the 8-digit foils and then start using the alphanumeric foils. It is expected that in August, the first posts will start issuing visas with the alphanumeric foils.

Please disseminate this memorandum and muster to all ports of entry within your area of responsibility for use by front line officers, secondary officers, targeting and analysis teams, and training teams. Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this memorandum and muster, please have a member of your staff contact (b) (6)  
(b) (6) or (b) (6)

Attachment

Weekly Muster

**Date of Muster:** July 20, 2009

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**HQ POC:** (b) (6), Fraudulent Document Analysis Unit  
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