



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Director, Preclearance Operations
Office of Field Operations,
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FROM: **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**
Acting Executive Director,
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Change in I-89 Requirement

As part of an ongoing effort to modernize and streamline the immigrant visa system and overall arrival process, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has been working with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Department of State (DOS) to transition to a paperless immigrant visa (IV) packet. One step in the transition to a paperless process is the automation of the I-89, Data Collection Form.

Effective June 15, 2015, CBP Officers are no longer required to execute an I-89 as part of IV packet process. USCIS and DOS have created a data transfer interface wherein **(b) (7)(E)** **(b) (7)(E)** in order to create the I-551, Permanent Resident Card.

CBP Officers must continue to record the immigrant admission in **(b) (7)(E)**. The immigrant should be documented with the immigrant classification found on the IV **(b) (7)(E)**. **(b) (7)(E)** The admission record activates card creation with USCIS and will later be used to generate the electronic A file once all agencies transition to a paperless IV process.

The change in the I-89 requirement is only applicable to IV packet processing. Form I-89 is still required with Form I-181, Creation of Record. All other IV processing steps, which includes annotating address and/or other changes on the immigrant visa summary sheet, will continue to comply with existing CBP policy. All IV packets, with the exception of Montreal Pilot packets, must be mailed to the Texas Service Center. The Montreal pilot packets must be mailed to:

USCIS/TSC
ATTN: Montreal Pilot
4141 N. Saint Augustine Road
Dallas, TX 75227

Please ensure that this memorandum and muster is disseminated to all ports of entry within your jurisdiction. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** Director, ESTA, at **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** or **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** Supervisory CBP Officer, ESTA, at **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

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Headquarters POC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Office: Electronic System for Travel Authorization

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- One step in the transition to a paperless IV process is the automation of the I-89, Data Collection Form.
- Effective June 15, 2015, an executed Form I-89 is no longer required as part of the IV packet process.
- Form I-89 is still required when completing Form I-181, Creation of Record.
- The immigrant admission must be recorded in (b) (7)(E) and the immigrant classification must be documented.
- All other IV processing steps remain the same and will comply with existing policy.
- IV packets, with the exception of Montreal pilot packets, must be logged on the IV log, boxed, manifested with the port of entry, data of entry and quantity of packets and mailed to the Texas Service Center.
- Montreal pilot packets will be mailed to:

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