



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Director, Pre Clearance Operations
Director, Field Operations Academy

FROM: Executive Director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Admissibility and P

SUBJECT: Visa Waiver Program Emergency and Temporary Passports

The following supersedes the guidance dated July 7, 2006, titled *VWP Travel with Emergency, Temporary, Official and Diplomatic Passports*. Effective May 30, 2009, VWP countries' emergency and temporary passports will be subject to the electronic passport (e-passport) requirement. VWP emergency and temporary passports that do not meet the e-passport requirement will no longer be accepted for travel under the VWP to the United States. (b) (7)(E)

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The following is included in this policy:

- Passport requirements for VWP citizens and nationals presenting regular, not emergency or temporary, passports remain unchanged. Regular passports issued as of October 26, 2006, for admission under the VWP must be e-passports. The attached chart is provided to assist in the enforcement of the requirements for VWP regular, emergency and temporary passports.
- The e-passport requirement does not apply to nationals and citizens of non-VWP countries that travel on nonimmigrant visas or for whom visas are not required.

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Carrier Fines

Effective May 30, 2009, carriers bringing VWP nationals (from outside of contiguous territory) with a non-compliant passport may be assessed a penalty pursuant to section 273 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Program Manager, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, of my staff at [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Attachments

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Date: TBD

Topic: Visa Waiver Program Emergency/ Temporary Passports

Reference Materials: Memo dated July 7, 2006, VWP Travel with Emergency, Temporary, Official and Diplomatic Passports

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

Office: Admissibility and Passenger Programs

This policy is intended to supersede the guidance in the above-mentioned field memo regarding the use of Emergency or Temporary Passports for admission under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).

- Effective May 30, 2009, VWP countries' emergency and temporary passports will be subject to the electronic passport (e-passport) requirement. VWP emergency and temporary passports that do not meet the e-passport requirement will no longer be accepted for travel under the VWP to the United States.
- For VWP nationals/citizens who present emergency or temporary passports after this date who are otherwise admissible and present passports which are not e-passports. (b) (7)(E)
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- Passport requirements for VWP nationals/citizens presenting regular passports, not emergency or temporary passports remain unchanged. The attached chart is provided to assist in the enforcement of the requirements for VWP regular, emergency and temporary passports.
- The e-passport requirement for emergency and temporary documents does not apply to nationals/citizens of non-VWP countries who are traveling on nonimmigrant visas or for whom visas are not required. (b) (7)(E)

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VWP PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

	(b) (7)(E)
Regular Passport	(b) (7)(E)
Official/Diplomatic Passport	(b) (7)(E)
Emergency/Temporary Passport	(b) (7)(E)

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