



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

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

FROM: Executive Director  
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Parole to Join a Foreign-Flagged Vessel in Puerto Rico

Beginning February 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Ports of Entry will encounter alien crewmen joining a foreign-flagged vessel docked at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The vessel will remain stationary at San Juan for storing liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) while the infrastructure of Puerto Rico transitions from utilizing petroleum derived from fuel to LPG. The alien crewmen will have a valid C1/D visa and a contract of employment from Trafigura AG and Puma Energy Caribe, LLC. CBP officers should parole the crewmen for the purpose of providing emergency ship crew services on board the vessel.

CBP is making this one-time, extraordinary granting of paroles in response to Executive Order 2010-34, Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2010-0324 signed by the Governor of Puerto Rico declaring that an emergency energy crisis is facing Puerto Rico. Executive Order 2010-34 mandated that Puerto Rico transition from utilizing petroleum derived fuels to LPG to alleviate the impending crisis.

Arriving alien crewmen will be referred to secondary inspection for processing. If the secondary officer is satisfied that the alien crewmen will transit to the storage vessel in San Juan, he or she may be paroled for the period of his or her contract, not to exceed six months. Secondary officers will annotate the parole by indicating **(b) (7)(E)** on the I-94 and indicate the length of the parole to coincide with the end of the contract date or six months, whichever is sooner. The parole will provide the crewmen authorization to transit to the storage vessel, perform duties onboard the vessel in accordance with Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) §101(a)(15)(D) and §258(b), and immediate repatriation upon the completion of the contract. The parole will also allow the alien crewmen access off the vessel.

Secondary officers will record the secondary disposition in the appropriate systems, indicating the type and period of parole granted under INA § 212(d)(5) [8 U.S.C §1182]. This parole is not applicable to travelers destined to vessels during times of labor disputes, as per INA §214(f) [8 U.S.C §1184(f)], or travelers claiming fear under asylum provisions.

Please ensure this memorandum is disseminated to personnel within your area of responsibility. Any questions regarding the policy outlined above should be directed to **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)** Director, Enforcement Programs, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, at **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**