

June 21, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations

Director, Preclearance
Operations

Director, Field Operations Academy
Office of Training and Development

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

SUBJECT: Periods of Admission for B-1 Nonimmigrants

The CBP INFO Center has received several recent complaints concerning the periods of admission given to certain B-1 nonimmigrants to the United States. Section 214.2(b)(1) of Title 8 of the Federal Code of Regulations states "...any B-1 visitor for business or B-2 visitor for pleasure may be admitted for not more than one year..."

CBP officers have discretion to admit an admissible B-1 nonimmigrant for up to one year or limit their stay, (b) (7)(E) While the maximum period of admission is one year, a B-1 will be admitted for a period of time which is fair and reasonable for completion of the purpose of the visit. (b) (7)(E)
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There are an infinite number of possible activities to perform as B-1 nonimmigrant. Some of the more common, although not exclusive examples can be found in the Inspector's Field Manual (IFM) Chapter 15.4(b). Many nonimmigrants come to the U.S. for meetings, conferences, or seminars that are short in duration or nature. Others, such as certain qualified personal or domestic servants may be arriving with their employer for extended stays in the U.S. and are eligible to be admitted as B-1 nonimmigrants for a period of one year.

The Office of Field Operations (OFO) requests that Directors, Field Operations (DFOs), inform their CBP officers that the automatic default date for a B-1 nonimmigrant has been extended to six months from date of entry. A change in the default period of admission is not a substitute for a proper and thorough inspection.

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Please ensure that the attached Muster Topic is discussed at daily musters. Questions or concerns regarding this memorandum may be directed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Admissibility and Passenger Programs, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Attachment

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