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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
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FROM: Executive Director for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: I-94 Automation at Air and Sea Ports of Entry

In an effort to increase efficiency and minimize the use of paper forms, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has developed an electronic version of the I-94. (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) and the (b) (7)(E) will be modified to generate an electronic I-94 record, similar to the I-94W process. CBP is seeking to implement I-94 automation through the rulemaking process.

CBP has drafted regulations that add a new definition of the term "Form I-94" that includes the collection of information in an electronic format. These regulations also add a valid, unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) admission or parole stamp in a foreign passport to the list of documents designated as evidence of alien registration. The electronic form I-94 will be available to the traveler. The regulation changes have been approved by DHS for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the rulemaking process.

Once the regulations are approved and published in the Federal Register (FR), CBP will deploy the I-94 automation across the air and sea ports of entry over a six week period. Additional information and a deployment schedule will be provided once the rulemaking process is complete. The Office of Field Operations (OFO) will send informational tear sheets to the field offices for distribution to ports of entry that will be provided to the travelling public. OFO will also provide all field offices with field guidance, musters and a training manual prior to implementation.

Please ensure that this memorandum 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) Program Manager, ESTA at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Program Manager, ESTA at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)