

January 11, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS  
ACTING DIRECTOR, PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS

FROM: Assistant Commissioner  
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Phase 1 and 2 Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)  
Enforcement Policy

Effective January 23, 2007, and pursuant to (b) (7)(E) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA), all travelers arriving at air ports of entry will be required to present a passport or other acceptable document for entry. Guidance regarding these new requirements was provided to the field via the December 21, 2006, Office of Field Operations (OFO) memorandum "Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) Phased Enforcement Strategy for Air Travelers." The enforcement guidelines in this memorandum supercede the December 21, 2006 memorandum. The policy outlined below provides specific direction regarding Phases 1 and 2 of the WHTI air enforcement strategy. Field Offices will begin Phase 1 on January 23, 2007, and will begin Phase 2 upon written notification from Headquarters OFO.

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Attached is a muster sheet to brief CBP Officers regarding Phase 1 procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. John P. Wagner, Director, Passenger Automation Programs at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

/s/ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for

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Attachment

**Weekly Muster**

**Week of Muster:** January 14, 2007

**Topic:** Phase 1 Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) Enforcement Policy

**Headquarters POC:** John P. Wagner (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Office:** Office of Field Operations

Noncompliant nonimmigrants: If otherwise admissible, on first and subsequent applications for admission during Phase 1, nonimmigrants not in possession of WHTI compliant travel documents will be admitted on primary after issuance of verbal and written advisories on the documentary requirements under WHTI. The written advisory shall be provided in the form of a standardized written notice to the traveler detailing the WHTI documentary requirements. The written advisory will be the WHTI "tear sheet." For each nonimmigrant found to be noncompliant with the WHTI requirements, a record of the advisory will be recorded in TECS.

Any adverse action contemplated with regard to a nonimmigrant where the sole ground of inadmissibility is the failure to comply with the WHTI travel document requirements shall require supervisory review and approval.



Reference Policy Memos: January 11, 2007 memorandum "Phase 1 and 2 Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) Enforcement Policy"