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**Topic:** Electronic Visa Update System Field Guidance

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

**Office:** Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS)

- EVUS is a web based system, similar to the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), which allows for the collection of biographic and other information from nonimmigrant aliens who hold a passport issued by an identified country containing a U.S. nonimmigrant visa of a designated category. Individuals subject to the EVUS requirement must enroll in the program in order to maintain visa validity.
- The EVUS requirement will initially be limited to nonimmigrant aliens who hold unrestricted, B-1, B-2 or combination B-1/B-2 visas, with ten year validity periods in a passport issued by the People's Republic of China (PRC).
- The requirement does not include Macau and Hong Kong.
- Effective 12:01 A.M., November 29, 2016, EVUS enrollment for designated citizens becomes mandatory for **ALL** modes of entry.
- Travelers who board a vessel or aircraft must be enrolled in EVUS prior to embarkation or enrolled in EVUS prior to admission at a land border port of entry.
- (b) (7)(E)  
These travelers, upon arrival into the United States, will not require to be enrolled in EVUS and may be admitted without enrollment when seeking admission. After that time, EVUS will be mandatory.
- Failure to successfully enroll in EVUS results in a 'provisionally' revoked visa. This means the visa is not valid for entry until the traveler has enrolled in EVUS. Once enrolled in EVUS, the visa becomes valid for travel.
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- At air and sea ports of entry in the United States, the following procedures must be followed:
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- Carriers are required to verify EVUS status prior to boarding a passenger on an aircraft or vessel to the United States.

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- At land border ports of entry, the following procedures must be followed:
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- If the application status remains pending for a protracted period, the traveler may be referred to secondary for further processing. (b) (7)(E)
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- Final determination regarding admission is the discretion of the Port of Entry.