



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

JAN - 7 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations  
Office of Field Operations

FROM: **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
Executive Director **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
Admissibility and Passenger Programs  
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (H-1B and L-1 Fee Increased)

On December 18, 2015, President Obama signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Act) of 2016 (Public Law 114-113) into law. The Act contains provisions to increase certain H-1B and L-1 petition fees immediately.

Public Law 114-113 increased the worker visa filing fee and the fraud prevention and detection fee which are submitted together with applications for L-1 and H-1B nonimmigrant visas. Specifically the Act increased the filing fee and fraud prevention and detection fee for L-1 visas by \$4,500.00 for all employers/petitioners that employ 50 or more employees in the U.S. and at least 50 percent of their employees are non-immigrant foreign workers. The Act also immediately increased filing fees and fraud prevention and detection fees for H-1B visas by \$4,000.00 for applicants that employ 50 or more employees in the U.S. and at least 50 percent of their employees are non-immigrant foreign workers. The increased fees will remain in effect until September 30, 2025.

Effective immediately Customs and Border Protection officers who are processing first time L-1 nonimmigrant packets along the northern border and preclearance stations must collect the additional filing fee, fraud prevention and detection fee of \$4,500.00 required under Public Law Public Law 114-113. All other H-1B and L-1 fees, including the Base fee, Fraud Prevention, Detection Fee, and the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 fee when applicable, are still required.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is directing all U.S. employers of H-1B and L-1 nonimmigrants to avoid potential processing delays of their Form I-129 petition to include in their packets a written attestation of the total number of employees under employment and

~~Law Enforcement Sensitive~~  
~~For Official Use Only~~

whether more than 50 percent of their employees are H-1B or L nonimmigrants working in the U.S. Petitions with incorrect fees may be rejected by USCIS.

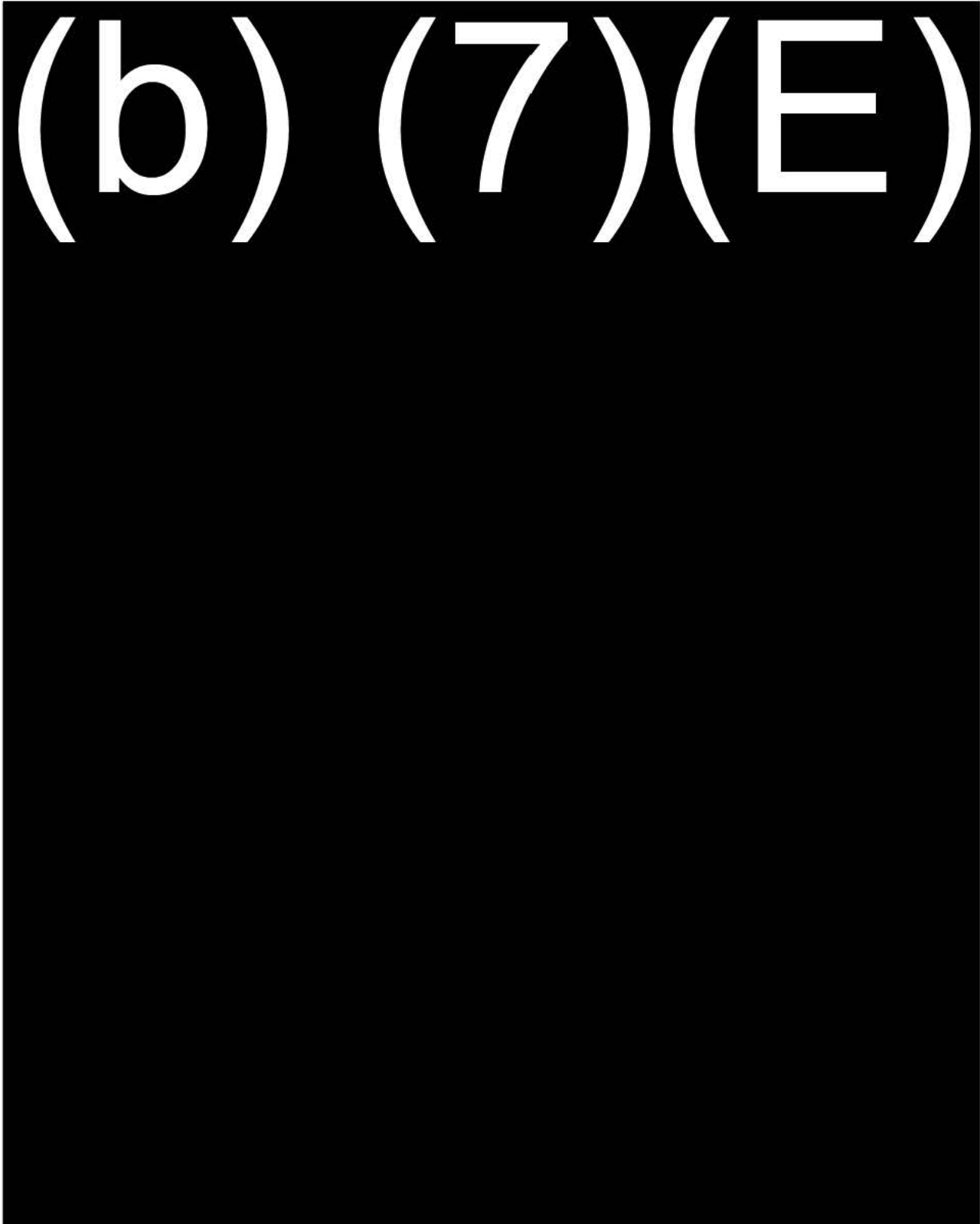
Summary: Total POE "L-1" Packet Fee Collection	
Form I-129 Filing Fee	\$325.00
Fraud Fee	\$500.00
Form I-94	\$6.00
If employer 50+employees 50% Nonimmigrant workers	\$4,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,331.00</b>

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), Acting Director, Enforcement Programs Division (EPD) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Branch Chief at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Attachment

~~Law Enforcement Sensitive~~  
~~For Official Use Only~~

L-1 Petitions



~~Law Enforcement Sensitive~~  
~~For Official Use Only~~