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

SUBJECT: Validity of Certain Foreign Passports (Six-month list)

The Department of State (DOS) recently revised 9 FAM 41.104 Exhibit I, entitled, "Countries that Extend Passport Validity for an Additional Six Months after Expiration." The Inspector's Field Manual (IFM) Appendix 15.2 will be amended to reflect the new DOS 6-month list.

Among the countries that have been removed from the 6-month list since the last revision of the IFM are the following: Bangladesh, Cuba, Ecuador, Holy See, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Oman, Russia, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, and Togo.

Attached is a muster sheet on the above topics for immediate dissemination. If you have any questions, please contact (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Attachments

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Week of Muster: March 9, 2009

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Reference Materials: Immigration and Nationality Act 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I); Inspector's Field Manual, Appendix 15.2

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- Six month list effective February 10, 2009, is attached.

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Under the provisions of section 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, a nonimmigrant alien who makes application for a visa or for admission into the United States is required to be in possession of a passport which is valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of expiration of the initial period of his admission into the United States or his contemplated initial period of stay authorizing him to return to the country from which he came or proceed to and enter some other country during such period. By reason of the foregoing requirement, certain foreign governments have entered into agreements with the Government of the United States whereby their passports are recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to the country of the foreign-issuing authority for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport. These arrangements have the effect of extending the validity period of the foreign passport an additional six months notwithstanding the expiration date indicated in the passport.

Algeria	Czech Republic	Japan
Andorra*	Denmark	Latvia
Angola*	Dominica	Lebanon
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Libya*
Antilles*	Egypt	Liechtenstein
Argentina	El Salvador	Lithuania*
Armenia*	Estonia*	Luxembourg
Aruba*	Ethiopia	Macau
Australia	Fiji*	Macedonia*
Austria	Finland	Madagascar
Bahamas, The	France	Malaysia
Barbados	Gabon*	Maldives*
Belgium	Georgia*	Malta
Belize*	Germany	Mauritania*
Bermuda*	Greece	Mauritius
Bolivia	Grenada	Mexico
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Guatemala	Monaco
Brazil	Guinea	Mongolia*
Bulgaria*	Guyana	Montenegro*
Burma*	Hong Kong	Mozambique*
Canada	Hungary	Nepal*
Chile	Iceland	Netherlands
Colombia	India	New Zealand
Costa Rica	Indonesia*	Nicaragua
Cote D'Ivoire	Ireland	Nigeria
Croatia	Israel	Norway
Cyprus	Jamaica	Pakistan

Palau*
Panama
Papua New Guinea*
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Romania
San Marino*
Serbia*
Seychelles*
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
South Korea*
Spain
Sri Lanka
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the
Grenadines
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Tuvalu*
Ukraine*
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Uzbekistan*
Venezuela
Vietnam*
Zimbabwe