




**U.S. Customs and  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations  
Office of Field Operations

Director, Field Operations Academy  
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SUBJECT: Guidance on Migrant Protection Protocols

Effective January 28, 2019, in accordance with the Commissioner's Memorandum of January 28, 2019, and subject to the terms of policy, the Office of Field Operations (OFO) San Diego Field Office will, consistent with its existing discretion and authorities, implement Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

Under this implementation of section 235(b)(2)(C), referenced as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), DHS is authorized to return certain applicants for admission who arrive via land at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, and who are subject to removal proceedings under Section 240 of the INA, to Mexico pending removal proceedings. Certain aliens, including vulnerable aliens, criminal aliens, or aliens of interest to the Government of Mexico (GoM) or the United States, will not be placed into MPP, in accordance with the Guiding Principles for Migrant Protection Protocols issued today by the Enforcement Programs Division (HQ) (Guiding Principles).

The Guiding Principles outline which aliens may be amenable to MPP. As part of the determination of whether an alien is amenable to MPP, OFO will refer aliens who are potentially amenable, but who affirmatively state fear of return to Mexico, whether before or after they are processed for MPP or other disposition, to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for screening following the affirmative statement of fear of return to Mexico. Please see the Guiding Principles for MPP.

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