



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Director, Preclearance (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FROM: Executive Director  
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative  
Border Crossing Card

On October 1, 2008, the U.S. Department of State (DOS) in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will begin issuing the second generation Border Crossing Card (BCC). U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers could see travelers with the new BCC as early as October 10, 2008. DOS has worked closely with DHS to develop a secure, tamper resistant BCC with (b) (7)(E)  
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The BCC is a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document valid for entry into the United States at all land ports of entry. The BCC is only available to Mexican citizens who reside in Mexico along the United States/Mexican border. When the BCC is presented by a Mexican citizen, no other documentation will be required for purpose of identity and citizenship. If accompanied by a valid passport, the BCC can also be used as a nonimmigrant visa for air and sea travel.

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CBP officers who encounter a BCC that is counterfeited or is being used by an imposter must take appropriate enforcement action including (b) (7)(E)  
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Attached are the muster and security features. Exemplars will soon be disseminated to all ports.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Director, WHTI at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Attachments

**Weekly Muster**

**Week of Muster:** October 6,2008

**Topic:** New Border Crossing Card

**HQ POC/Office:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative  
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**Message:** Advise CBP Officers of the Border Crossing Card

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