MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations

Director, Preclearance Operations

FROM: (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

Admissibility and Passenger Programs

Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Weekly Muster Topic – Use of NEXUS card as a travel document

to and from a NEXUS designated airport.

Attached to this memorandum is a weekly muster topic that should be disseminated to all ports of entry under your area of responsibility for inclusion during musters held the week of August 4, 2008.

The purpose of the muster is to remind officers and air carriers that the NEXUS card may be used as a stand alone identity and citizenship document for U.S. and Canadian citizens for air travel to and from NEXUS designated airports. U.S. and Canadian citizens are not required to present or have in their possession supporting documents such as birth certificates and passports when using the NEXUS card. However, all existing nonimmigrant visa and passport requirements for entry remain in effect such as the possession of a (b) (7)(E)

Trusted Traveler Programs will be working with the Carrier Liaison Program to ensure this information is disseminated to air carriers. Field offices are encouraged to share this information with the air carriers in your area of responsibility as there have been several reports that NEXUS card holders are being denied boarding for failure to have a passport. Air carriers should be reminded that NEXUS cards are an acceptable alternative to the passport.

If you have any questions about this muster topic, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Director, Trusted Traveler Programs, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Attachments

Weekly Muster

Week of: August 4, 2008

Topic: Use of the NEXUS card as Identity and Citizenship Documents for Air

Travel

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

The NEXUS card may be used as a stand alone identity and citizenship document in lieu of a passport for U.S. and Canadian citizens for air travel to and from a NEXUS designated airport.

- NEXUS designated airports are: Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, and Winnipeg International Airports; Robert Stanfield International Airport, Halifax; Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, Montreal; MacDonald Cartier International Airport, Ottawa; and Lester B. Pearson International Airport, Toronto.
- U.S. and Canadian citizens are **NOT** required to present or have in their possession supporting documents such as birth certificates and passports to use the card. Under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative the NEXUS card is an approved alternative to the passport.
- All other existing nonimmigrant visa and passport requirements for entry remain in effect for Canadian Citizens such as the possession of a (b) (7)(E)
- A sample of the current NEXUS card is below for reference.
- These cards are still acceptable for air travel.
- A newly redesigned NEXUS card will be introduced in December 2008. A sample is below for reference.

Current Card

