

August 10, 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Director, Pre-Clearance Operations

FROM: Executive Director /s/ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

SUBJECT: Senior Officials Meeting III (SOM3) and Asia-Pacific Economic
Cooperation Business Travel Card (ABTC) Member Processing

This year, the United States is the host nation for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Senior Officials Meeting III (SOM3) being held from September 12 – 24, 2011, in San Francisco, CA. More than 5,000 delegates from the 21 APEC economies and members of the private sector are anticipated to attend.

As previously issued in the memoranda sent to the field in February 2008 and July 2010, holders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards (ABTC) are permitted to use crew lanes at all U.S. international air ports of entry.

The reverse side of the ABTC lists the countries for which the card is “valid for travel to.” The card does not need to list the United States in order for the traveler to use the crew lanes at U.S. international airports.

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The standard crew/APEC poster must be displayed at all Model Ports; and signage for crew lanes at non-Model Ports of entry should be updated to include APEC processing.

Please advise airport and airline employees, or any other employees directing passenger traffic, that APEC members may be referred to the designated lane for processing.

If you have questions concerning this memorandum, please have a member of your staff contact, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Program Manager, via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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