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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Directors, Field Operations
Directors, Field Operations
Director, PreClearance Operations
Office of Field Operations
Director, Field Operations Academy
Office of Training and Development

FROM: Executive Director /s/
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: US Arrival Supports ESTA

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) developed the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), a web-based system, for the collection and vetting of biographic information and Visa Waiver Program (VWP) eligibility questions on intending VWP travelers prior to boarding U.S.-bound air or sea carriers. On January 12, 2009 ESTA became mandatory for travelers seeking admission into the United States under VWP at air or sea ports of entry.

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On February 13, 2013 new automated functions will be available in the US Arrival system to facilitate the entry of VWP travelers with travel authorization via ESTA. (b) (7)(E)

This process will help (b) (7)(E)

. This will also educate the VWP traveling public on the ESTA process and help the VWP traveler be better prepared when land ESTA is fully implemented.

For further questions or concerns, please contact (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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