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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Office of Field Operations

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SUBJECT: Implementation of *U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS)*

The first nationwide standards governing the safety, security and care of those in CBP custody have been developed and will now be implemented, *U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS)*. These standards set policy requirements that govern CBP's interaction with detained individuals and continue our commitment to the safety, security and care of those in our custody.

In addition to transport, escort, detention and search provisions, TEDS also incorporates requirements related to: sexual abuse and assault prevention and response; care of at-risk individuals in custody; and personal property. These standards were developed with current policies and procedures from the Office of Field Operations (OFO) and the United States Border Patrol as well as several other CBP-wide documents, current guidance to the field, best practices, and requirements found in applicable Federal law and regulation.

As a public facing document TEDS provides the overarching CBP national standards, it does not supersede current OFO policy and procedures. Please ensure that this memorandum is disseminated to all ports of entry within your jurisdiction. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Acting Director, Enforcement Programs Division at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Week of Muster: Immediate

Topic: Implementation of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS)

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The first nationwide CBP standards governing the safety, security and care of individuals in our custody were recently announced by Commissioner Kerlikowske. The *U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS)* set the policy requirements that govern CBP's interaction with detained individuals and maintain CBP's commitment to the safety, security and care of those in our custody. TEDS provides the overarching CBP national standards.

TEDS incorporates CBP-wide guidance to the field, best practices, and requirements found in applicable Federal laws and regulations. TEDS standards were developed utilizing Office of Field Operations (OFO) policies and procedures and does not supercede current OFO policy and procedures, although some language may be unfamiliar. Accordingly, some aspects of OFO policy will be updated to incorporate TEDs requirements not already within current OFO policy.

A new provision of TEDS is the mandatory requirement for electronic recordation of detention and transportation actions. (b) (7)(E). Additionally, TEDS reemphasizes OFO's current policy to make an assessment of all detainees prior to detention or transportation, and incorporates the DHS requirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). To that end, attached is the mandatory assessment sheet that must be completed for all detainees, to include U.S. Citizens. This assessment will be integrated electronically into (b) (7)(E). Prior to the (b) (7)(E) all ports of entry should utilize the attached form that may be uploaded into a (b) (7)(E).

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