

PRESS RELEASE: CBP ANNOUNCES AUTOMATION OF FORM I-94 ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE RECORD AND MOVES TO ELIMINATE PAPER FORMS THEREBY STREAMLINING THE U.S. ADMISSIONS PROCESS.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection today announced that it has submitted to the Federal Register a rule that will automate Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record to streamline the admissions process for individuals lawfully visiting the United States.

Form I-94 provides international visitors with evidence they have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. which is necessary to verify alien registration, immigration status, and employment authorization. The automation means that affected visitors will no longer need to fill out a paper form when arriving to the U.S. by air or sea, improving procedures and reducing costs. The change will go into effect 30 days after the rule is published in the Federal Register.

"Automation of the I-94 will increase efficiency and streamline the admission process," said CBP Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar. "Once fully implemented, the process will facilitate security and travel while saving CBP an estimated \$15.5 million a year."

Travelers wanting a hard copy or other evidence of admission will be directed to www.cbp.gov/I94 (the www.cbp.gov/i94 website will be live 30 days after the rule is published in the Federal Register) to print a copy of an I-94 based on the electronically submitted data, including the I-94 number from the form, to provide as necessary to benefits providers or as evidence of lawful admission. Our readers are reminded that Form I-94 may be required for Applications to the DMV, SSA and for the Form I-9 (etc.).

As part of CBP's work to bring advances in technology and automation to the passenger processing environment, records of admission will now be generated using traveler information already transmitted through electronic means. This change should decrease paperwork for both the officer and the traveler and will allow CBP to better optimize its resources.

CBP is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

For additional information about the "NEW Automated I-94 FORM process", please feel free to e-mail us at info@visaserve.com or you can always feel free to contact us at:

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