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U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Begin Rollout of Automated Form I-94 Arrival/Departure record on April 30, 2013

On April 30, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) will begin streamlining the admission process of all foreign nationals entering the U.S. at all air and sea ports of entry. The change will first begin at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Orlando International Airport, Las Vegas Airport, Chicago O'Hare Airport, Miami International Airport, and Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport continuing across the U.S. through May 21, 2013. This new procedure takes effect at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on May 7, 2013.

With implementation of the streamline process, foreign nationals will no longer be required to fill out a paper Form I-94 when they arrive in the U.S. by air or sea. Foreign nationals requiring evidence of their admission to the U.S. may access this information by printing out a copy of the Form I-94 card by going to the government website at www.cbp.gov/I94. The printout of the I-94 card is available on this website only during the foreign national's most current visit to the U.S. A demonstration video from the USCBP on how to use the new I-94 automation process is available at the following website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/jsp/CaptivateVideo.jsp>.

The Form I-94 provides evidence to foreign nationals of their lawful admission to the U.S. It is necessary to verify foreign national registration, immigration status and in some cases employment authorization and verification.

Because of the importance of the Form I-94 to the immigration process, we recommend that travelers go to the USCBP website upon admission to the U.S. to obtain a printout copy of the Form I-94 during a visit to the U.S. Please feel free to contact the following members of the Butzel Long immigration group should you have any questions.

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