

Immigration E-news

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Changes in Travel Rules for Green Card Holders

Effective January 18, 2009 DHS (Department of Homeland Security) will expand significantly the population of aliens subject to the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program ("US-VISIT") to include, among other classes of aliens, permanent resident aliens. This expansion would require that all "green card" holders be fingerprinted and photographed, like persons from visa waiver countries and persons with visas to enter the U.S., upon entering and exiting the U.S. as of January 18, 2009. The program will apply to all permanent residents seeking entry to or exit from the U.S. at any U.S. airport or seaport. Green card holders entering through land ports of entry will be required to provide fingerprints only if they are referred to secondary inspection for a more detailed interview.

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