



NEW FACIAL BIOMETRIC TESTING UNDERWAY. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.

PRUEBA DE NUEVA TECNOLOGÍA BIOMÉTRICA FACIAL EN MARCHA. PARTICIPACIÓN VOLUNTARIA.

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RIGHT LANE: STANDARD PROCESSING
CENTER 2 LANES: VOLUNTARY BIOMETRIC
PROCESSING TEST

CARRIL DERECHO: PROCESAMIENTO ESTÁNDAR 2 CARRILES CENTRALES: PRUEBA DEL PROCESO BIOMÉTRICO VOLUNTARIO

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ANZALDUAS BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is testing and evaluating facial images of vehicle travelers entering and departing the United States. Travelers who voluntarily choose to participate will have their photos captured in both inbound and outbound lanes.

This technical demonstration will assist CBP in evaluating facial images for identifying travelers in vehicle lanes. Facial comparison should allow CBP to verify the identities of travelers in vehicles, identify non-immigrant travelers who have overstayed their time and persons of interest, and enhance CBP's ability to secure the border.

CBP is collecting this information pursuant to its legal authorities. They include the requirements of:

- . 8 U.S.C. §§1225, 1357, and 8 C.F.R. 215.8 and 235.1;
- The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Pub. L.108-458);
- The 2002 Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act (Pub. L. 107-173); and
- The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-56).

CBP will maintain these photographs in secure data systems to evaluate the technology, ensure its accuracy, and for auditing. Photos of U.S. citizens will be deleted immediately from the database.

For more information about how data is safeguarded, permissible data sharing, photograph retention and CBP's facial comparison technology, please visit www.CBP.gov or www.DHS.gov/Privacy.

Q: Will the addition of demonstration technology increase wait times?

A: No. The technology, which is completely passive in both inbound and outbound lanes, does not require any additional actions by the traveler. Photos will be captured as the vehicle passes through the lane. The matching results will not be used for inspection processing during this test.

Q: Why was the Port of Anzalduas, Texas, selected for the entry/exit project?

A: Because traffic volumes and existing infrastructure at this port is best suited to support the technology, according to our site visits.



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Q: When will the Anzalduas Biometric Technology Demonstration take place?

A: It begins on August 30, 2018 and will run for up to one year.

Q: How will the Anzalduas Biometric Technology Demonstration be conducted?

A: CBP has placed the camera technology for this demonstration in two inbound and two outbound vehicle lanes at Anzalduas. These lanes will be clearly marked, and travelers can choose not to participate in the test, by using the lanes without the camera. Vehicle occupants passing through the lanes with the camera will be subject to the facial comparison test.

Q: Will U.S. citizens be required to provide their biometrics?

A: Like other travelers, U.S. citizens who choose to pass through the lanes equipped with the technology for this biometric test will be required to participate in this test. Travelers who select either the inbound or outbound lanes that are unequipped with camera technology will not be required to participate in this test.

Q: Will my photograph be shared or stored? How is my privacy protected if I have my photograph taken?

A: Photos of non-citizens will be matched and stored in a secure CBP database. Photos of U.S. citizens will be deleted immediately after identification. CBP is dedicated to protecting the privacy of all travelers. More information is available at www.dhs.gov/privacy-impact-assessments. Click on "CBP" at the left and "Traveler Verification Service" or "TECS" for more information.

Q: Where can I receive more information about CBP programs, including those involving biometric collection?

A: Please go to www.CBP.gov, www.DHS.gov/Privacy, or via the CBP INFO Center at 1-877-227-5511.

