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Border Protection**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
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Executive Director
Program Planning, Analysis and Evaluation
SUBJECT: Biometric Air Exit Exception Processing

In 2013, Congress transferred the entry/exit mission to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). By 2016, facial recognition testing began, leading to a realistic, scalable and adaptable biometric exit solution. CBP has partnered with travel industry stakeholders to implement facial recognition solutions at airports across the United States, satisfying the congressional mandate to develop and implement a comprehensive, biometric entry/exit strategy.

The attached Biometric Air Exit Exception Processing Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provides operational guidance and establishes field responsibilities for personnel assigned to passenger targeting and outbound enforcement teams for biometric exit operations in the air environment. The SOP further outlines the exception processing procedures that targeting and enforcement teams will follow to support the biometric exit mission.

Ports will be responsible for using all available systems to conduct (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) on travelers departing on outbound international flights, to include the Entry Without Inspection (EWI) (b) (7)(E). Ports will (b) (7)(E) and coordinate appropriate action when (b) (7)(E). Such action will depend on the situation and could range from apprehension of a subject to (b) (7)(E). The Biometric Air Exit Exception Processing SOP complements existing policy and directives regarding outbound procedures and targeting measures. Ports will monitor and prioritize for action (b) (7)(E) types in accordance with existing (b) (7)(E) and Outbound directives and policies and will process aliens in accordance with non-arriving alien policies.

Please ensure that this memorandum and SOP are disseminated to all ports of entry within your area of responsibility. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Acting Director, Biometric Exit Strategic Transformation, at (b) (6), (b) (7).

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