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ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS NOW SUBJECT TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT; EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALIENS PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2002; APPLIES TO MALES 16 YEARS OLD AND UP FROM IRAN, IRAQ, LIBYA, SUDAN, SYRIA; DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER 16, 2002

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Attorney General John Ashcroft has expanded the special registration requirement applicable to nationals and citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Syria to include not only those individuals entering the United States, but also **those already present in the United States prior to the effective date of the special registration on September 10, 2002.**

Beginning September 11, 2002, nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, and Syria have been subject to special registration upon initial entry, after 30 days in the United States, thereafter on a yearly basis and upon departure. As initially promulgated, the rule did not apply to individuals already present in the United States prior to September 11, 2002. The Attorney General has now given notice that, effective November 15, 2002, all male nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, and Syria who are at least 16 years old and **who last entered the United States on or before September 10, 2002 must report to the INS to comply with the new special registration requirement.** The deadline for reporting to the INS is December 16, 2002. Individuals who depart the United States prior to December 16, 2002 are not required to register.

The special registration requirement applies to individuals who are citizens or nationals of the designated countries, whether or not they have dual nationality or citizenship in another country. Special registration of individuals already present in the United States does not apply to U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, U.S. Asylees, or the following nonimmigrants: diplomats (A classification); designated principal resident representatives to international organizations (G classification).

Compliance requires: fingerprinting; answering certain questions under oath, for the record, before an INS officer; presenting all travel documents, passport, Form I-94, and any other forms of government-issued identification for inspection by the INS officer; and providing proof of residence including, when applicable, title to land, lease agreement, proof of matriculation at an educational institution, and proof of employment. Other information and documentation which may be requested by the INS Officer must be provided in order to be in full compliance with the registration requirement. After

initial registration, individuals must register annually (within 10 days of each anniversary of their initial registration date) and upon departure from the United States and must notify the INS of any change of address within 10 days of such change.

A willful failure to comply with the special registration requirement constitutes failure to maintain nonimmigrant status and can subject the non-complying alien to removal from the United States. Further, individuals subject to special registration who fail, without good cause, to report to an INS inspecting officer upon departure from the United States will thereafter be presumed inadmissible. Because of the harsh consequences which may result from failure to register initially, annually, or upon departure, individuals who are in doubt as to the applicability of the special registration requirement should consult their immigration attorney and should report to an INS inspecting officer upon departure from the United States.

For a list of designated INS Interviewing Offices for Special Registration, please check the INS web site at www.ins.gov/graphics/lawenfor/specialreg/index.htm#reg. Because procedures for registration will vary among the designated offices, it is recommended that persons subject to the special registration requirement contact their respective designated offices prior to going to the office to complete the special registration requirements.