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INS REQUIRES ADVANCE SUBMISSION OF PASSENGER DATA BY COMMERCIAL CARRIERS

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Passenger Data to be Collected during International Check-In and Transmitted to U.S. INS Inspectors during Flight

Pursuant to the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002, the INS has implemented a program whereby passenger data necessary for identifying individuals in advance of arrival. Commercial carriers must transmit the following data in advance of arrival in the United States: complete name, date of birth, country of citizenship, sex, passport number and country of issuance, country of residence, U.S. visa number and date and place of issuance (if applicable), alien registration number (if applicable), and the individual's address while in the United States. Other data may be required in the future upon consultation with the Secretary of State and the Treasury Secretary. This change in procedure is intended to allow for more vigorous background checks of international travelers before they arrive in the U.S., additional electronic inquiries as necessary, and perhaps the resultant enforcement preparations that may be necessary in some situations.