

WHY

President Trump signed an Executive Order on January 27, 2017 immediately suspending the entry of all individuals from several countries for a period of 90 days. New refugee admissions for all countries have been immediately suspended for 120 days. The Syrian refugee program has been indefinitely suspended.

WHO

New refugees from any country and citizens or people who hold citizenship from one of the below countries and wish to enter the United States in any visa category:

IRAN
IRAQ
LIBYA
SOMALIA
SUDAN
SYRIA
YEMEN


WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE AIRPORT?

OVERSEAS

- If you are overseas and you are traveling on a passport from one of the seven countries listed here, you may not be able to board the plane. Some attorneys report that airlines are not issuing tickets to their clients.
- If you are a green card holder, you should be able to board the plane.

IN THE UNITED STATES

- If you are able to board the plane and land at inspection in the United States, you should be prepared to go through “secondary inspection.” Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) has broad discretion to search your belongings (including your cell phone).
- If you are a green card holder, you should be admitted, though you may have to go through secondary first and answer many questions before being admitted.
- In addition to green card holders, special consideration is being given to: returning refugees or asylees, unaccompanied children, and individuals traveling on an Advance Parole document (Form I-512).

 Travelers are being treated according to the passport they present. Consulates have stopped issuing visas to affected individuals.

WHAT CAN I DO TO BE PREPARED?

BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOU:

- ✓ All evidence of your legal status in the United States, including your current visa and receipt notices for pending petitions.
- ✓ Evidence of your connections to the United States, including a lease, mortgage, tax returns or utility bill with your name on it, proof that you are employed in the U.S. through a paycheck or letter from your employer on letterhead, and proof that you have family in the United States.

DO:

- ✓ Ask to speak to your attorney (but know that you are not entitled to see your attorney at the border).
- ✓ Arrive prepared with evidence of your legal status and your connections to the United States.

DON'T:

- ✗ Sign a Form I-407 or do anything to “abandon” your Green Card.
- ✗ Agree to “Stipulated Removal” or “Expedited Removal”.

This fact sheet is prepared in response to the Executive Order signed by President Trump on January 27, 2017 titled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.” This is rapidly changing area of law and a fact sheet cannot substitute for personal legal advice. Please consult an attorney for legal advice regarding your specific case.