U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Announces Automation of Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will begin automation of the I-94 records on April 26, 2013 at selected airports with complete implementation at all airports by May 30, 2013. Non-immigrants traveling to the U.S. by air or sea will no longer be required to fill out a paper I-94 form and will no longer have a paper record in their passport.

With the new CBP process, a CBP officer will electronically stamp the passport of each arriving non-immigrant traveler. The admission stamp will show the date of admission, class of admission, and the end date in the U.S. for the traveler. On arrival, travelers will also receive a flier alerting them to go to CBP.gov/I94 to view/retrieve admission record information.

Travelers needing a hard copy of the I-94 form to obtain a Social Security card, state driver’s license, complete an employer’s I-9 process or prove legal status to universities, etc. will be able to print their record immediately from a CBP website (CBP.gov/I94) available at the end of April 2013. The electronic record should expedite the wait period to receive the above referenced documents.

Upon exiting the U.S., travelers will no longer have a paper I-94 form to surrender. CBP will record the departure electronically via manifest information provided by the carrier or by CBP.

For more information and for answers to frequently asked questions, visit CBP’s Form I-94 webpages at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/i-94_instructions/i94_rollout.xml

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Screening of Travelers at Airports

Arrival Procedures for Students and Exchange Visitors
http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/study-exchange/exchange-arrivals

Canadian and Mexican Travelers

Know Before You Visit
http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/know-before-you-go

Advisories and Wait Times
http://www.cbp.gov/travel/advisories-wait-times

Customs and Border Patrol Traveler
http://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority