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U.S. Admission Stamp Elimination During Primary Processing

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has engaged in a series of initiatives aimed at modernizing our processes, optimizing existing resources, reducing operating costs, and creating a welcoming environment for all arriving travelers. These initiatives include the automation of forms, implementation of mobile technology, and the increased utilization of biometric facial matching. CBP and our stakeholders have already experienced tangible benefits. As part of this ongoing effort, CBP will cease the routine use of admission stamps during primary processing.
- Eliminating routine use of the admission stamp reduces primary processing times and operating costs.
- When appropriate, admission stamps may still be used during secondary processing and in limited circumstances in primary when processing immigrant visas or upon a traveler's specific request.
- Travelers can retrieve evidence of their admission, authorized length of stay and five years of arrival data by accessing the CBP I-94 website at [I94 - Official Website \(dhs.gov\)](https://i94.dhs.gov) or the CBP Link mobile application. If a traveler experiences difficulties in retrieving their I-94 form as proof of admission through the CBP I-94 website or CBP Link mobile application, they can contact their local CBP Port of Entry for assistance.
- Airline stakeholders are reminded of the importance of submitting accurate Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) transmissions. Accurate and timely APIS transmissions are critical in this process as this data directly feeds into the I-94 website portal. Travelers rely on this data for various purposes (e.g., banking, schooling, employment). Errors or delays in the APIS transmission may directly lead to flight delays and costly financial penalties, while also disrupting operations.