



U.S. Customs and
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Directors
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Office of Field Operations

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Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Proclamation, *Restriction on Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant Workers* [H-1B]

On September 19, 2025, the President issued a Proclamation, *Restriction on Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant Workers*, to address systemic abuse of H-1B nonimmigrant visas. Pursuant to sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), the entry into the United States of aliens as nonimmigrants to perform services in a specialty occupation under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b), is restricted, except for those aliens whose petitions are "accompanied or supplemented" by a payment of \$100,000. This guidance applies to H-1B employment-based petitions filed after 12:01 AM ET on September 21, 2025.

This Proclamation only applies prospectively to petitions that have not yet been filed. It does not impact aliens who are the beneficiaries of currently approved petitions, any petitions filed prior to 12:01 AM ET on September 21, 2025, or aliens in possession of validly issued H-1B non-immigrant visas. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of State have been instructed to begin implementing the new monetary requirements for employers submitting petitions on behalf of aliens outside the United States for new H-1B petitions only. The Proclamation does not impact the ability of any current visa holder to travel to or from the United States. CBP will continue to process current H-1B visa holders in accordance with all existing policies and procedures. Aliens found inadmissible should be processed in alignment with existing guidance for the appropriate Title 8 disposition.

Please ensure this memorandum is distributed to port personnel. Should you require additional information, please contact [REDACTED], Director, Enforcement Programs Division.

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