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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of TAU-SEATTLE  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); BELLINGHAM OFO GML; BLAINE-CMD CNTR; BLAINE-OFO AREA MGT; BLAINE-OFO INTEL GROUP OFFICERS; BLAINE-OFO SUPERVISORS; BLAINE-OFO UNIFORMED; BLW392; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); BROWN, LISA BETH M; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); DANVILLE-FERRY OFO ALL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); FASANO, ADELE; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); FREEMAN, MICHAEL T; FRIDAY HARBOR-ROCHE HARBOR OFO ALL; FRONTIER-BOUNDARY OFO ALL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); LAURIER OFO ALL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); METALINE FALLS OFO ALL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); OFO TACOPS SEATTLE MGMT; OI PacNW FIG Team; OROVILLE-NIGHTHAWK OFO ALL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PEMBINA AREA - DUNSEITH; PEMBINA AREA - IFALLS; PEMBINA AREA - PORTAL; PEMBINA AREA - ROSEAU; PEMBINA PORT PERSONNEL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); POINT ROBERTS OFFICERS; PORT ANGELES OFO ALL; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); SCHMELZ, JASON W; SEA TAC CBP; Seattle Tactical Ops; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); SUMAS OFO ALL; Sweetgrass 1895 Uniformed Officers GML; Sweetgrass Agriculture Specialists GML; TAU-SAN FRANCISCO; TAU-SEATTLE; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) THOMAS, ZACHARY C; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** HIGH THREAT ALERT  
**Attachments:** TAU Iranian Alert.pdf

**Importance:** High

ALCON,  
Please see the attached alert.



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    - From Middle East, Africa, and Latin America
- Questions for Secondary
  - Military Service
    - Where did they serve?
    - When did they serve?
    - If they were allowed an exemption, ask why and what they did instead
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  - Education
    - Schools attended
    - Degree
    - Advisor and who funded schooling/project
  - Occupation
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- PROCEDURE:

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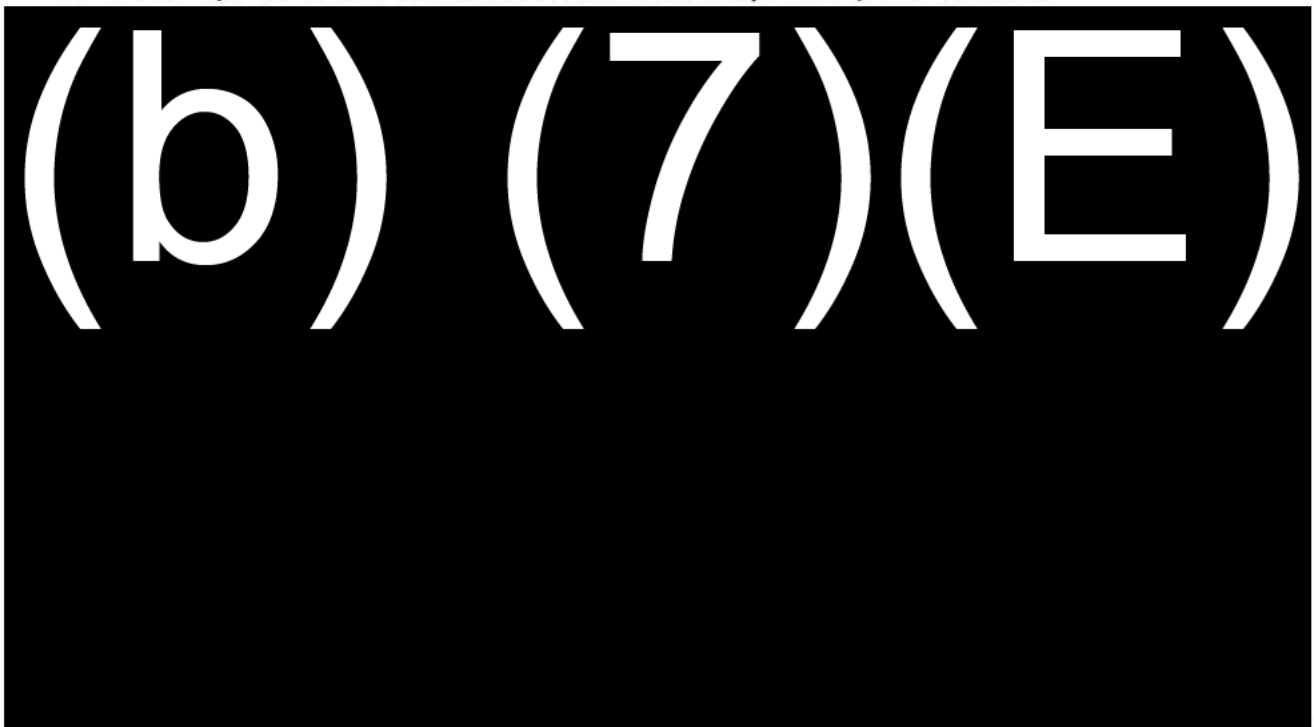
**UPDATED PROCEDURES**

(Best Practices Learned in last 24 Hours)

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  - Iranian and Lebanese Nationals
    - From Middle East, Africa, and Latin America (includes Iranian/Lebanese nationals with Nexus to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Jordan, Israel)
  - Any other nationality that has traveled to Iran or Lebanon.
  
- Secondary Procedures – Please fill out CTR form accompanied by this document



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**From:** FREEMAN, MICHAEL T  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 10:39 AM  
**To:** WILLIAMS, KENNETH; THOMAS, ZACHARY C; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); SCHMELZ, JASON W;  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** FASANO, ADELE; BROWN, LISA BETH M; SAAR, DIRK J.; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Updated Seattle Field Office Policy for (b) (7)(E)

APDs

The Field Office has provided guidance to the Area Ports regarding work flow of (b) (7)(E). Due to the magnitude of the vetting and approval process from the Field Office to the Area Ports, the following guidelines will now take effect to streamline this (b) (7)(E)

**1. All United States Citizens (USCs), United States (US) Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) meeting the parameters of Operation Support:**

- a. If the port does not find any derogatory information, a Port Manager GS-14 or above may approve their release.
- b. If the port finds derogatory information, the person will be sent to the (b) (7)(E) (when applicable) to the Tactical Analytical Unit (TAU) for approval by the Assistant Director of Field Operations (ADFO) of Border Security and Facilitation (BSF) or the Director of Field Operations (DFO).

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4. If there are any significant delays at the ports in response to Operation Support, **ALL USCs and US LPRs will take priority.**

Lastly as long as you don't have a credible threat at a specific port you are no longer required to staff your non 24-hour ports after hours or enhanced security patrols. Please ensure you have adequate staffing in the CASC to monitor the ports of entry

Please call me if you have any questions

Thanks

Michael Freeman

Assistant Director, Field Operations  
Seattle Field Office

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**From:** FREEMAN, MICHAEL T  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:53 PM  
**To:** WILLIAMS, KENNETH; THOMAS, ZACHARY C; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); SCHMELZ, JASON W;  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** FASANO, ADELE; BROWN, LISA BETH M; SAAR, DIRK J.; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: Updated Seattle Field Office Policy for (b) (7)(E)

Further guidance as if 1245

USCs, US LPR and Canadian Citizens

If primary officer is satisfied no derogatory information is present that can admit on primary

(b) (7)(E)

If you have 10 or more in secondary call DFO or processing time for them reaches 2 hours call DFO

**For this operation, CBP will not target by nationality. The concern is the Iranian government using its Islamic Revolutionary Guard, their military and special forces or Hezbollah operatives using recruits as sympathizers, financiers, or operatives to wage asymmetric warfare or stage an attack in the United States.** (b) (7)(E)

Michael Freeman  
Assistant Director, Field Operations  
Seattle Field Office

Duplicative

1. When inspecting USCs, US LPRs or Canadian Citizens, if primary officer is satisfied that no derogatory information is present, they can admit on primary
2. [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
3. For this operation, CBP will not target by nationality. The concern is the Iranian government using its Islamic Revolutionary Guard, their military and special forces or Hezbollah operatives using recruits as sympathizers, financiers, or operatives to wage asymmetric warfare or stage an attack in the United States. [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)  
[REDACTED]. Due to mandatory military conscription in Iran, many persons may have served in the Iranian military.

*Kenneth Williams*  
*Area Port Director*  
*U.S. Customs and Border Protection*  
*9901 Pacific Highway*  
*Blaine, WA 98230*  
*Office:* [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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*Fax:* [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Blaine musters

Friday, January 3 muster:

- **Face to Face Muster notes:**
  - We are in a state of heightened vigilance.
  - The Port Directors have been provided a briefing as to the gravity of the aforementioned situation, which is equivalent to a foreign power killing a member of the presidential cabinet
  - All encounters with non-immigrants from areas of national concern should be highly scrutinized
  - We are assigning officers to man all ports 24X7
  - We are working with our law enforcement counterparts to assist in this effort
  - Be prepared to initiate outbound operations in the event of a targeted attack on U.S. soil
  - [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
  - [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
  - Wear body armor
  - Wear cover jacket when traveling to and from work
  - Report negative contact with individuals posing a threat to CBP personnel or property to the APD through [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E).
  - Request assistance immediately when dealing with unruly passengers (b) (7)(E)  
[REDACTED]
  - Increase trunk checks and NII scans
  - Conduct routine patrols around the FIS
  - Maintain the highest levels of professionalism, impartiality, and courtesy to the traveling public.
- **Enforcement Teams**
  - [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
  - [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)
  - JTTF TFO will provide any Intelligence updates upon receipt
  - BEST TFO will assist in port operations
  - [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)

Sunday, January 5 updated guidance muster:

- All, The Seattle Field Office has updated the guidance regarding the ongoing [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)  
[REDACTED]
  1. When inspecting USCs, US LPRs or Canadian Citizens, if primary officer is satisfied that no derogatory information is present, they can admit on primary
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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 4, 2020 11:51 AM  
**To:** Sweetgrass Area Port Directors GML; Sweetgrass Port Directors GML; Sweetgrass Duty Chiefs GML; Sweetgrass Supervisors GML; Sweetgrass Chiefs GML  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Iranian Vetting Process

UPDATE:

Ports will create a UPAX event prior to sending the information to the SEATAU.

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Assistant Area Port Director-Tactical  
Sweetgrass Area Port

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Saturday, January 4, 2020 10:40 AM

**To:** Sweetgrass Area Port Directors GML (b) (7)(E) Sweetgrass Port Directors GML (b) (7)(E); Sweetgrass Duty Chiefs GML (b) (7)(E) Sweetgrass Supervisors GML (b) (7)(E); Sweetgrass Chiefs GML (b) (7)(E)

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**Subject:** Iranian Vetting Process

ALCON,

Below is a recent inspection conducted at the Sweetgrass POE on an Iranian National (Canadian Citizen) and is a good example of the questions officers should be asking to obtain the initial information. Also attached is the form (b) (7)(E) Officers will need to complete and submit to the Seattle TAU in order for them to fully vet these individuals.

In order to ensure proper oversight is achieved when processing targeted individuals, the following process will be followed at all locations within the Sweetgrass Area Port.

Primary Officer will refer to secondary inspection area persons meeting the following criteria:

- Persons (males and females) born after 1961 and born before 2001 with Nexus (POB, travel, Citizenship) to Palestine, Iran, and Lebanon.
- Iranian and Lebanese Nationals
- Special Interest Countries with nexus to Iran

Secondary Officers will notify the on duty supervisor that a person meeting the above criteria is being processed.

- Ports not staffed with a supervisor will need to notify the CASC and the on call Duty Chief

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Sweetgrass 1895 Uniformed Officers GML  
**Subject:** FW: Updated Seattle Field Office Policy for (b) (7)(E)

Officers,

Additional guidance for (b) (7)(E) has been received:

There is no need to refer a USC, LPR, or Canadian citizens merely because they have a nexus to Iran.

The primary officer can release from primary if they are satisfied with the inspection/ examination.

(b) (7)(E)

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Thank you,

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Chief of Staff (A)  
Chief Agriculture Specialist  
Public Affairs Liaison  
US Customs and Border Protection  
Office of Field Operations  
Sweetgrass, Montana Port of Entry  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Sweetgrass Area Port Directors GML (b) (7)(E) Sweetgrass Chiefs GML  
(b) (7)(E) Sweetgrass Supervisors GML (b) (7)(E)  
Sweetgrass Duty Chiefs GML (b) (7)(E) Sweetgrass Port Directors GML  
(b) (7)(E)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Updated Seattle Field Office Policy for (b) (7)(E)