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**From:** Goodwin, Shelley M  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 6:18 AM  
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**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V  
**Subject:** Executive Order: Fact Sheet  
**Attachments:** QA for EO on Protecting the Nation FINAL.DOCX

**Importance:** High

Field Leadership

In addition to the brief update sent last night, please see the following and attached for more information.

Thanks  
Shelley

#### **FACT SHEET: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry to the United States**

WASHINGTON - The executive order signed on January 27, 2017, allows for the proper review and establishment of standards to prevent terrorist or criminal infiltration by foreign nationals. The United States has the world's most generous immigration system, yet it has been repeatedly exploited by terrorists and other malicious actors who seek to do us harm. In order to ensure that the United States government can conduct a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the national security risks posed from our immigration system, it imposes a 90-day suspension on entry to the United States of nationals of certain designated countries—countries that were designated by Congress and the Obama Administration as posing national security risks in the Visa Waiver Program.

In order to protect Americans, and to advance the national interest, the United States must ensure that those entering this country will not harm the American people subsequent to their entry, and that they do not bear malicious intent toward the United States and its people. The executive order protects the United States from countries compromised by terrorism and ensures a more rigorous vetting process. This Executive Order ensures that we have a functional immigration system that safeguards our national security.

This executive order, as well as the two issued earlier in the week, provide the Department with additional resources, tools and personnel to carry out the critical work of securing our borders, enforcing the immigration laws of our nation, and ensuring that individuals who pose a threat to national security or public safety cannot enter or remain in our country. Protecting the American people is the highest priority of our government and this Department.

The Department of Homeland Security will faithfully execute the immigration laws and the President's executive order, and we will treat all of those we encounter humanely and with professionalism.

#### **Authorities**

The Congress provided the president of the United States, in section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), with the authority to suspend the entry of any class of aliens the president deems detrimental to the national interest. This authority has been exercised by nearly every president since President Carter, and has been a component of immigration laws since the enactment of the INA in 1952.

#### **Actions**

For the next 90 days, nearly all travelers, except U.S. citizens, traveling from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen will be temporarily suspended from entry to the United States. The 90 day period will allow for proper review and establishment of standards to prevent terrorist or criminal infiltration by foreign nationals.

Importantly, however, lawful permanent residents of the United States traveling on a valid I-551 will be allowed to board U.S. bound aircraft and will be assessed for exceptions at arrival ports of entry, as appropriate. The entry of these individuals, subject to national security checks, is in the national interest. Therefore, we expect swift entry for these individuals.

In the first 30 days, DHS will perform a global country-by-country review of the information each country provides when their citizens apply for a U.S. visa or immigration benefit. Countries will then have 60 days to comply with any requests from the U.S. government to update or improve the quality of the information they provide.

DHS and the Department of State have the authority, on a case-by-case basis, to issue visas or allow the entry of nationals of these countries into the United States when it serves the national interest. These seven countries were designated by Congress and the Obama Administration as posing a significant enough security risk to warrant additional scrutiny in the visa waiver context.

The Refugee Admissions Program will be temporarily suspended for the next 120 days while DHS and interagency partners review screening procedures to ensure refugees admitted in the future do not pose a security risk to citizens of the United States.

The executive order does not prohibit entry of, or visa issuance to, travelers with diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas.

The Department of Homeland Security along with the Department of State, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will develop uniform screening standards for all immigration programs government-wide.

Upon resumption of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, refugee admissions to the United States will not exceed 50,000 for fiscal year 2017.

The Secretary of Homeland Security will expedite the completion and implementation of a biometric entry-exit tracking system of all travelers into the United States.

#### **Federal Government**

As part of a broader set of government actions, the Secretary of State will review all nonimmigrant visa reciprocity agreements to ensure that they are, with respect to each visa classification, truly reciprocal.

The Department of State will suspend the Visa Interview Waiver Program and ensure all individuals seeking nonimmigrant visas undergo an in-person interview.

#### **Transparency**

The Department of Homeland Security, in order to be more transparent with the American people, and to more effectively implement policies and practices that serve the national interest will make information available to the public every 180 days. In coordination with the Department of Justice, DHS will provide information regarding the number of foreign nationals charged with terrorism-related offense or gender-based violence against women while in the United States.

*Shelley M. Goodwin*

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**Importance:** High

Field Leadership

Just a brief update based on where we stand with the information shared over the weekend regarding the recent executive order.

As noted, offices must immediately begin holding all pending cases, with the exception of N600s and N400s, filed by or on behalf of someone from the seven countries outlined in the executive order until additional guidance is provided. We are putting the final touches on a report for all field offices that will assist you with identifying the cases that must be retrieved and held in abeyance. This report will provide you with the NFTS location of these cases in your respective offices. Further, we will provide you with a standard NFTS code that all offices must use for the purpose of holding these cases. Until you receive the report and NFTS code, it is imperative that offices ensure that all staff members are aware of the need to identify and hold these filings without further adjudication.

Many of you have asked whether we can expect additional information to assist with addressing customer and stakeholder inquiries. I am sure you can all appreciate how fluid this situation is at the present time. We don't have talking points for customer service or outreach at this point and we have no deadline by which we expect to have those. We can answer questions about the status of the work that we adjudicate. Beyond that, we cannot and should not respond. I know this may be frustrating to the staff and public alike but unfortunately we simply do not have any additional information. We will be certain to share anything we receive as soon as it is disseminated.

Thank you and stay tuned!

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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Elder, Phillip D  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Plus Phil, Ania and Philip

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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

+ Lisette Kvortek and Julie Farnam

*Shannon E. Slattery*  
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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

All – I asked the regs team to give us an idea of the tie frames for doing and re-doing forms as well as regs:

For forms, if, for instance, we have to add new vetting questions, OMB approval can be accomplished relatively quickly as an emergency action (compared to the normal process).

Steps and qualifications for emergency OMB approval:

- 1) OP&S division, operational directorates, OCC, and RCD collaborate on the amended form and/or instructions.
- 2) RCD prepares the relevant PRA supporting documents (Supporting Statement, etc.) working with ODP and Office of Privacy
- 3) Draft a memo justifying the emergent need (e.g., the EO), signed by USCIS CIO and DHS CIO.
- 4) RCD submits the package to OMB. OMB approval under emergency will only be valid for 6 months. To extend the validity of the OMB approval beyond 6 months, RCD would need to publish the 60- and 30-day Notices as normal and then resubmit the package to OMB.

As a side note, the interior enforcement EO took away the Privacy Act protections that the USG had extended to non-citizens (by policy I believe). This change may significantly impact how the Privacy Act is interpreted w/r/t USCIS forms and systems, and may or may not cause changes to our Privacy Threshold Analyses which support the PRA process. We need to get a legal opinion on whether our PTAs, etc. will change because of this, and if we can update the relevant PRA

supporting documents as they come up in the queue (i.e. as RCD starts work upon expiration) or if this needs to be implemented immediately (which would be a significant workload).

For regs, the time it took to get the EA rules out from the Nov. 20, 2014 memo are good barometers of the average timeline when there is WH support and it's moving as an emergency action:

- Average of 12-16 months for drafting and publishing an NPRM (but note that there was already some work done on EA before the 11/2014 announcement)
- Average of 6-8 months to review public comments, draft final rule, and publish the final rule.

Caveats: 1) The above assumes a relatively hands-off approach of OGC staff-level attorneys and economists prior to moving to OGC FO, S1 FO, and OMB. Also assumes that the timelines for S1 FO review will be similarly expedited (i.e. a matter of hours wherein the Assistant General Counsel briefs S1 and obtains signature). 2) The "effective date" will largely depend on the speed that our computer systems can be stood up. 3) Also, of course, depends on the number and complexity of public comments received and the continued availability of monetary resources to fund contractor support of our regulatory projects (comment analysis).

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Ok - thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

As of right now, we are holding all applications and petitions from led by individuals from the 7 countries. We did let an N-400 ceremony and an N-600 ceremony go forward yesterday.

We expect today to put out general guidance that the EO does not impact citizenship cases. DHS is reviewing the language. Everything else is on hold.

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

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Trying to get best information.

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D  
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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. **Anyone else hear anything?**

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

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**From:** Walters, Jessica S  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S  
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Thanks very much.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
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**Subject:** FW: Executive Order

I will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well

as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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From: Slattery, Shannon E  
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM  
To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M  
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've **added columns for QAs** and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div. 1.

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference **when we're drafting statements**. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any **specific timeframe mentioned in the EO**.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for **initial use**.

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing.

Thanks,

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:42 AM  
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Kvortek, Lisette E  
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming.

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Cc: Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E



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From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:34:17 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. **Can I get it to you on Monday?**

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM  
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Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chains. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, **Joanna/Barbara and Matt/Andrew**. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

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From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

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From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM  
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

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From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM  
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

From: Renaud, Daniel M  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:47 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM  
To: Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but

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From: Davidson, Andrew J  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
To: Renaud, Tracy L  
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L  
Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States" once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. We just need to clarify if this suspension applies to our production lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

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Thanks,

Andrew Davidson

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**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** RE: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

I'm fine to share this with the field, since it is a press release its cleared. As of right now, we are holding all cases except N-400s and N-600s. I'd want to make sure we do not confuse the field and have some of them read the Press release as an indication to proceed on I-485s.

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**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Slattery, Shannon E  
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Will we be sharing this message with the field? We are still currently holding AOS cases.

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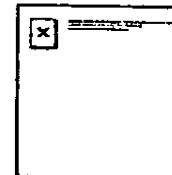
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**Subject:** FW: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

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# Press Release

January 29, 2017  
Contact: DHS Press Office, 202-282-8010

## STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON – In applying the provisions of the president's executive order, I hereby deem the entry of lawful permanent residents to be in the national interest.

Accordingly, absent the receipt of significant derogatory information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, lawful permanent resident status will be a dispositive factor in our case-by-case determinations.

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**Cc:** Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
**Subject:** Status as of Monday AM  
**Attachments:** FW: FACT SHEET: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry to the United States  
**Importance:** High

HQ Leadership Team—  
Just so everyone is on the same page:

- We are good to interview, adjudicate, and administer the oath to all N400 applicants;
- Similarly, N600s are good to go;
- We are holding all other requests for immigration benefits from those folks covered by the order (seven countries);
- USCIS has sought guidance on a number of things, including whether or not 485s are covered by the order;
- Other than the public statements made and the fact sheet (attached), there's not too much we can say at this time;

I expect more actionable information to come out through the course of today and hope to provide clarity to folks soon. Thank you all for your work this weekend—please keep raising issues as they come up.

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**From:** Goodwin, Shelley M  
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**Cc:** Pietropaoli, Lori A; Haag, Andrew P; Fontanez, Andrew V  
**Subject:** Update: Executive Order

**Importance:** High

Field Leadership

Just a brief update based on where we stand with the information shared over the weekend regarding the recent executive order.

As noted, offices must immediately begin holding all pending cases, with the exception of N600s and N400s, filed by or on behalf of someone from the seven countries outlined in the executive order until additional guidance is provided. We are putting the final touches on a report for all field offices that will assist you with identifying the cases that must be retrieved and held in abeyance. This report will provide you with the NFTS location of these cases in your respective offices. Further, we will provide you with a standard NFTS code that all offices must use for the purpose of holding these cases. Until you receive the report and NFTS code, it is imperative that offices ensure that all staff members are aware of the need to identify and hold these filings without further adjudication.

Many of you have asked whether we can expect additional information to assist with addressing customer and stakeholder inquiries. I am sure you can all appreciate how fluid this situation is at the present time. We don't have talking points for customer service or outreach at this point and we have no deadline by which we expect to have those. We can answer questions about the status of the work that we adjudicate. Beyond that, we cannot and should not respond. I know this may be frustrating to the staff and public alike but unfortunately we simply do not have any additional information. We will be certain to share anything we receive as soon as it is disseminated.

Thank you and stay tuned!

*Shelley M. Goodwin*

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FYI.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

Field Offices may continue to adjudicate N-400 and N-600 applications and administer the oath of citizenship for approved candidates who remain eligible. This message lifts the hold on citizenship applications and petitions.

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On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

Effectively immediately and until additional guidance is received, you may not take final action on any petition or application where the applicant is a citizen or national of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. Field offices may interview applicants for adjustment of status and other benefits according to current processing guidance and may process petitions and applications for individuals from these countries up to the point where a decision would be made. At that point, cases shall be placed on hold until further notice and will be shelved with specific NFTS codes which will be provided through the Regional Offices. Offices are not permitted make any final decision on affected cases to include approval, denial, withdrawal, or revocation.

Please look for additional guidance later this weekend on how to process naturalization applicants from one of the seven countries listed above who are currently scheduled for oath ceremony or whose N-400s have been approved and they are pending scheduling of oath ceremony.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures as needed in the coming days. Questions or requests for additional clarification may be directed to the Regional Offices through your chain of command.

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