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CBP Behind the Scenes



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CBP Today

- CBP is one of the world's largest law enforcement organizations and is charged with keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. while facilitating lawful international trade and travel.
- As the United States' first unified border entity, CBP takes a comprehensive approach to border management and control, combining customs, immigration, border security, and agricultural protection into one coordinated and supportive activity.



CBP Today: Air and Marine Operations





CBP Today: US Border Patrol





CBP Today: Office of Field Operations





Los Angeles Field Office

- The Los Angeles Field Office (LAFO) is one of the 20 major field offices under CBP's Office of Field Operations
- LAFO has oversight over major ports of entry (POEs) which include the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), the Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) Seaport, the Las Vegas International Airport, and other outlying smaller international airports such as John Wayne (SNA) and Ontario (ONT) airports.



Los Angeles Field Office – at POEs

 CBP officers at POEs inspect individuals seeking entry into the US to determine their admissibility

- Section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) grants CBP officers the authority to question, under oath, applicants for admission to determine their nationality, identity and admissibility
- CBP officers also have the authority to search without a warrant the person and effects of any person seeking admission, pursuant to 19 CFR §162.6



Los Angeles Field Office - at POEs continued...

- The mission of the inspection program is to control and guard the boundaries and borders of the U.S. against the illegal entry of aliens.
- CBP officers enforce the INA and Code of Federal Regulations, including Title 8, 19, and 22.
- The INA is based on the law of presumption: an applicant for admission is presumed to be an alien until he or she shows evidence of citizenship; an alien is presumed to be an immigrant until he or she proves that he or she fits into one of the nonimmigrant classifications. (INA § 214(b))



Inspection Process

Documentary Requirements:

- Individuals seeking entry must present the required documents, passport and/or visa, in compliance with 8 CFR § 235.1 and 214.1
- During the inspection, individuals must be able to satisfy the inspecting officer of their admissibility
- Individuals found inadmissible under INA § 212(a) are refused entry and may be placed either in 240 Removal Proceedings, Expedited Removal under INA § 235(b)(1), or Withdrawal of Application.



Inspection Process - continued

When an individual is refused entry, their visa may be cancelled pursuant to 22 CFR § 41.122(e)

- Individuals ordered removed under the Expedited Removal proceedings are banned for entry into the U.S. for a period of 5 years
- Applicants for admission do not have a right to attorney representation, either in primary or secondary inspection, unless they become the subject of a criminal investigation and has been taken into custody (8 CFR § 292.5)



Contacting CBP

 CBP has established an online site for inquiries, complaints and/or compliments:

https://www.cbp.gov/contact

 DHS also has established a website for a single point of contact for individuals who have inquiries or seek resolution regarding difficulties they experienced during their travel screening at transportation hubs—like airports—or crossing U.S. borders:

https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip

For LAX contact: Public Information Office is 310-665-4560



QUESTIONS



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