



EMAIL BULLETIN

U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) HAS REPORTEDLY REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM SOME CANADIANS TRAVELING WITH MULTIPLE-ENTRY FORM I-94 ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS

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Tindall & Foster, P.C. has received multiple reports from Canadian clients who were requested to provide additional documentation to U.S. Customs & Border Protection when entering the United States pursuant to multiple-entry Form I-94 arrival/departure cards, the standard issue status document for Canadians in the United States pursuant to a work-authorized, nonimmigrant status. Standard practice is for the Canadian nonimmigrant to retain the multiple-entry Form I-94 card upon departure and to present the same card again upon reentry.

U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Officers have informally advised clients that the CBP requires that a recent employment verification letter be presented when entering the United States pursuant to a multiple-entry Form I-94 card. Officers further advise that the CBP the present system may not reliably track entries and exits and lawful status in the United States, and that future policy may shift toward the implementation of a new system for Form I-94 card issuance at the U.S.-Canadian border and Preflight Inspection. Such informal communication from CBP officers in the field is far from the official policy enactment that would be required to alter the existing practice of issuing multiple-entry Form I-94 cards to Canadian citizens; however, such anecdotal evidence could signal the early stages of a policy trend within the CBP that could result in formal procedural changes in the future.

Tindall & Foster, P.C. will continue to monitor developments in connection with this evolving policy and will provide procedural updates as they become available via future Email Bulletins and on our web site at <http://www.tindallfoster.com>.