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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BEGINS US-VISIT EXIT REGISTRATION PILOT PROGRAM AT DETROIT METORPOLITAN WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AND ATLANTA HARTSFIELD-JACKSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On May 28, 2009, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began piloting a program for securing exit registration, including digital fingerprints, under the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and at the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

The Pilot Program for exit registration is designed to capture data regarding the timeframe and process flow of registering the departure of foreign national passengers to international destinations when departing the United States by air travel. The data will be used to develop appropriate procedures for implementation of the exit registration component of the US-VISIT program at airports nationwide.

Exit registration of foreign nationals departing the United States is intended to enable the DHS to better track the timely departures of foreign nationals and update immigration records with compliance data. For more information on the US-VISIT program and the applicability of US-VISIT requirements, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has provided a <u>US-VISIT Fact Sheet</u> on the DHS website. Travelers who have questions regarding the applicability of US-VISIT requirements should contact their Foster Quan immigration attorney. Foster Quan will continue to monitor government efforts in connection with US-VISIT program expansion and will make future updates available on the Foster Quan website.