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U.S. VISIT PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE 10-PRINT DIGITAL FINGER SCANS UPON ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

The U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (U.S. VISIT) program enables U.S. Customs & Border Protection officers to obtain biometric data, including digital finger scans, of applicants for admission into the United States. Currently the program involves the collection of a digital photo and digital scans of two fingerprints during the immigration inspection process.

Recently the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced an expansion of U.S. VISIT technology which will accommodate the capture of digital scans of all ten fingerprints during the admissions inspection process. Beginning November 29, 2007, DHS initially implemented the expanded technology at eight of the nation's busiest airports, including George Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport, and plans to implement the 10-print technology at all airports by mid-2008.

The U.S. VISIT program was created to accurately capture and record data related to the entry and exit of travelers to and from the United States. The DHS emphasizes the program goals of enhancing security, facilitating legitimate travel, ensuring the integrity of the immigration system, and protecting the privacy of visitors to combat fraud and identify theft. Because travelers, other than U.S. citizens, are already required to provide two fingerprint scans upon application for admission, the DHS anticipates little impact in terms of traveler delay and inconvenience as a result of implementing the additional finger scan technology.

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