



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Carrier Liaison Program

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### Clarification for Boarding Crew

#### Presidential Proclamation – Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus

- The President of the United States signed several Presidential Proclamations titled: “Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus”.
  - In accordance with the proclamations, entry into the United States of all aliens, with certain exceptions, who have been physically present in the countries listed below during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States, is suspended.
    - People’s Republic of China (excluding the special autonomous regions of Hong Kong and Macau);
    - Islamic Republic of Iran;
    - Schengen Area: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland; and
    - United Kingdom, excluding overseas territories outside of Europe, and the Republic of Ireland.
- This guidance is in addition to the previous travel proclamations, which are still effective:
  - On January 31, 2020, Presidential Proclamation 9984 titled “Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus and Other Appropriate Measures to Address this Risk.”
  - On February 29, 2020, Presidential Proclamation 9992 titled “Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus.”
  - On March 11, 2020, Presidential Proclamation 9993 titled “Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus.”
  - On March 14, 2020, Presidential Proclamation 9996 titled “Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus.”
- The suspension of entry under the proclamation applies to individuals listed in the March 16, 2020 Carrier Liaison Bulletin. Maritime industry includes:
  - **Any alien traveling as a nonimmigrant pursuant to a C-1, D, or C-1/D nonimmigrant visa as a crewmember or any alien otherwise traveling to the United States as air or sea crew.**

- **Crew, and flights carrying only cargo (i.e., no passengers or non-crew), are excluded from this requirement. This includes deadheading crew.**
  - **B1 crew crewmembers that are engaged in lightering, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) activity, wind farm activity, private air/sea crew and other similar crewmember activities. These fall within the exceptions cited in the proclamation for crew.**
- Sections 271 and 273(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act provide that it is unlawful for commercial carriers to transport improperly documented aliens to the United States. Carriers that transport aliens subject to the Presidential Proclamation may be subject to a carrier fine for each alien brought to the United States.
  - Carriers are advised to take measures to ensure compliance with the terms of the proclamations and the published Federal Register notices. Any questions concerning the scope or implementation of the proclamations and the Federal Register notices, including the authorization for any alien to board an aircraft or otherwise travel to the United States to seek admission, should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group or other designated CBP official for adjudication prior to aircraft departure.

Regional Carrier Liaison Group:

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Honolulu	Asia, Pacific Rim	808-237-4632
Miami	Latin America, Caribbean	305-874-5444
New York	Europe, Africa, Mid-East	718-553-1783