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National Interest Exceptions to Presidential Proclamations 9984 (China), 9992 (Iran), 10143 (Schengen Area, United Kingdom, Ireland, Brazil, and South Africa) for K and Immigrant Visa Holders

- On April 8, 2021, the Department of State granted blanket national interest exceptions under Section 2 of Presidential Proclamations 9984 (China), 9992 (Iran), and 10143 (Schengen Area, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Brazil, and Republic of South Africa) to non-citizens traveling to the United States as immigrant visa (IV) holders and fiancé (K) non-immigrant visa holders.
- Effective immediately, in accordance with this guidance, all immigrant visa (regardless of class) and K-1, K-2, K-3 and K-4 visa holders may seek entry to the United States; however, other ineligibility grounds may apply in individual cases.
- The exception for immigrant visas applies to all categories of immigrant visas.
 - This includes family-based visas, employment and investment-based visas, diversity visas, special immigrant visas, and all other immigrant visa categories.
- The exception for fiancé visas applies to all fiancés of U.S. citizens and their dependents. This includes **all K1-K4 visa** categories.
- Immigrant and K visa holders who were physically present in China, Iran, Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Brazil or South Africa during the preceding 14 days may travel to the United States while these Proclamations are in effect. Immigrant and K visa holders subject to these Proclamations have been granted a national interest exception to travel and can be boarded without contacting U.S. Customs and Border Protection as long as all admissibility and document requirements are met.
- Sections 271 and 273(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act provide that it is unlawful for commercial carriers to transport improperly documented noncitizens to the United States. Carriers that transport noncitizens without valid documentation may be subject to a carrier fine for each noncitizen brought to the United States.
- Carriers are advised to take measures to ensure compliance with the terms of these Proclamations. Any questions concerning the scope or implementation of any Presidential Proclamation related to travel, including the authorization for any noncitizen to board an aircraft or otherwise travel to the United States to seek admission, should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG) or other designated CBP official for adjudication prior to aircraft departure.

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Honolulu	Asia, Pacific Rim	808-237-4632
Miami	Latin America, Caribbean	305-874-5444
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