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Good afternoon!

The Trump Administration announced an expansion to the Travel Ban. The updated Travel Ban will go into effect on January 1.

Here is a summary on the Travel Ban’s expansion per the White House’s Fact Sheet publication. Please reach out to OIP if you have any questions or concerns.

<b>TRAVEL BAN EXPANSION DETAILS:</b>	<p><a href="#">Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Further Restricts and Limits the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the Security of the United States</a></p> <p><b>If you are from one of these countries regardless if you have a valid visa stamp in your passport, you should not travel internationally.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Countries with full entry restrictions and limitations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Previously on the list and continues to be on the list:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● New additions to the full entry restriction and limitation list               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, South Sudan, Syria, Laos*, Sierra Leone*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● *country was previously on the partial list and now added to the full entry restriction ban</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Individuals with Palestinian-Authority-issued travel documents</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Countries with partial restrictions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Previously on the list and continues to be on the list:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Burundi, Cuba, Togo, Venezuela.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● New addition to the partial restriction list:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Dominica, Gabon, The Gambia, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Tonga, Zambia, Zimbabwe</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● These partial restrictions prevent entry under certain visa programs, including business, tourism, academic study, and work-based exchange program (<b>Immigrants and Nonimmigrants on B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M, and J Visas</b>).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Proclamation includes exceptions for lawful permanent residents, existing visa holders, certain visa categories like athletes and diplomats, and individuals whose entry serves U.S. national interests.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Proclamation narrows broad family-based immigrant visa carve-outs that carry demonstrated fraud risks, while preserving case-by-case waivers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</b>	Presidential Proclamation-December 16, 2025: <a href="#">RESTRICTING AND LIMITING THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES</a>
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