

(e) Divergence from priorities

The Commissioner may diverge from the priority order if the Commissioner determines that significantly changed circumstances, including immediate security needs, changes in infrastructure in Mexico or Canada, or similar concerns, compellingly alter the need for a project in the United States.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title VI, § 603, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2094.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Public Law 106-58, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), is Pub. L. 106-58, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 430, known as the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2000. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

Public Law 108-90, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), is Pub. L. 108-90, Oct. 1, 2003, 117 Stat. 1137, known as the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2004. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 1403. National Land Border Security Plan**(a) Requirement for plan**

Not later than January 31 of every other year, the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner, shall prepare a National Land Border Security Plan and submit such plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the House Committee on Homeland Security, and the House Committee on the Judiciary.

(b) Consultation

In preparing the plan required under subsection (a), the Commissioner shall consult with other appropriate Federal agencies, State and local law enforcement agencies, and private entities that are involved in international trade across the northern or southern border.

(c) Vulnerability assessment**(1) In general**

The plan required under subsection (a) shall include a vulnerability, risk, and threat assessment of each port of entry located on the northern border or the southern border.

(2) Port security coordinators

The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner, may establish one or more port security coordinators at each port of entry located on the northern border or the southern border—

(A) to assist in conducting a vulnerability assessment at such port; and

(B) to provide other assistance with the preparation of the plan required under subsection (a).

(d) Coordination with the Secure Border Initiative

The plan required under subsection (a) shall include a description of activities undertaken during the previous year as part of the Secure Border Initiative and actions planned for the

coming year as part of the Secure Border Initiative.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title VI, § 604, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2095.)

§ 1404. Port of entry technology demonstration program**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner, shall carry out a technology demonstration program to test and evaluate new port of entry technologies, refine port of entry technologies and operational concepts, and train personnel under realistic conditions.

(b) Technology tested

Under the demonstration program, the Commissioner shall test technologies that enhance port of entry operations, including those related to inspections, communications, port tracking, identification of persons and cargo, sensory devices, personal detection, decision support, and the detection and identification of weapons of mass destruction.

(c) Demonstration sites**(1) Number**

The Commissioner shall carry out the demonstration program at not less than three sites and not more than five sites.

(2) Location

Of the sites selected under subsection (c)—

(A) at least one shall be located on the northern border of the United States; and

(B) at least one shall be located on the southern border of the United States.

(3) Selection criteria

To ensure that one of the facilities selected as a port of entry demonstration site for the demonstration program has the most up-to-date design, contains sufficient space to conduct the demonstration program, has a traffic volume low enough to easily incorporate new technologies without interrupting normal processing activity, and can efficiently carry out demonstration and port of entry operations, one port of entry selected as a demonstration site may—

(A) have been established not more than 15 years before December 26, 2007;

(B) consist of not less than 65 acres, with the possibility of expansion onto not less than 25 adjacent acres; and

(C) have serviced an average of not more than 50,000 vehicles per month during the 12 months preceding December 26, 2007.

(d) Relationship with other agencies

The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner, shall permit personnel from appropriate Federal agencies to utilize a demonstration site described in subsection (c) to test technologies that enhance port of entry operations, including those related to inspections, communications, port tracking, identification of persons and cargo, sensory devices, personal detection, decision support, and the detection and identification of weapons of mass destruction.