

software to allow biometric comparison and authentication of all United States visas and other travel and entry documents issued to aliens, and passports issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1).

**(B) Use of readers and scanners**

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall utilize biometric data readers and scanners that—

- (i) domestic and international standards organizations determine to be highly accurate when used to verify identity;
- (ii) can read the biometric identifiers utilized under subsections (b)(1) and (c)(1); and
- (iii) can authenticate the document presented to verify identity.

**(3) Use of technology standard**

The systems employed to implement paragraphs (1) and (2) shall utilize the technology standard established pursuant to section 1379 of this title.

**(c) Repealed. Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title II, § 202(c), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2989**

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section, including reimbursement to international and domestic standards organizations.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title III, § 303, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 553; Pub. L. 108–299, § 1, Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1100; Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title II, § 202(c), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2989.)

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AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114–113 struck out subsec. (c), which related to technology standard for visa waiver participants.

2004—Subsecs. (b)(2)(A), (c)(1), (2). Pub. L. 108–299 substituted “2005” for “2004”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of this title.

**§ 1733. Terrorist lookout committees**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary of State shall require a terrorist lookout committee to be maintained within each United States mission to a foreign country.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of each committee established under subsection (a) shall be—

- (1) to utilize the cooperative resources of all elements of the United States mission in the country in which the consular post is located to identify known or potential terrorists and to develop information on those individuals;
- (2) to ensure that such information is routinely and consistently brought to the attention of appropriate United States officials for

use in administering the immigration laws of the United States; and

(3) to ensure that the names of known and suspected terrorists are entered into the appropriate lookout databases.

**(c) Composition; chair**

The Secretary shall establish rules governing the composition of such committees.

**(d) Meetings**

Each committee established under subsection (a) shall meet at least monthly to share information pertaining to the committee’s purpose as described in subsection (b)(2).

**(e) Periodic reports to the Secretary of State**

Each committee established under subsection (a) shall submit monthly reports to the Secretary of State describing the committee’s activities, whether or not information on known or suspected terrorists was developed during the month.

**(f) Repealed. Pub. L. 113–235, div. J, title VII, § 7034(i), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2624**

**(g) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to implement this section.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title III, § 304, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 554; Pub. L. 113–235, div. J, title VII, § 7034(i), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2624.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113–235 struck out subsec. (f). Text read as follows: “The Secretary of State shall submit a report on a quarterly basis to the appropriate committees of Congress on the status of the committees established under subsection (a) of this section.”

**§ 1734. Improved training for consular officers**

**(a) Training**

The Secretary of State shall require that all consular officers responsible for adjudicating visa applications, before undertaking to perform consular responsibilities, receive specialized training in the effective screening of visa applicants who pose a potential threat to the safety or security of the United States. Such officers shall be specially and extensively trained in the identification of aliens inadmissible under section 1182(a)(3)(A) and (B) of this title, interagency and international intelligence sharing regarding terrorists and terrorism, and cultural-sensitivity toward visa applicants. In accordance with section 1776 of this title, and as part of the consular training provided to such officers by the Secretary of State, such officers shall also receive training in detecting fraudulent documents and general document forensics and shall be required as part of such training to work with immigration officers conducting inspections of applicants for admission into the United States at ports of entry.

**(b) Use of foreign intelligence information**

As an ongoing component of the training required in subsection (a), the Secretary of State

shall coordinate with the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security, Federal law enforcement agencies, and the intelligence community to compile and disseminate to the Bureau of Consular Affairs reports, bulletins, updates, and other current unclassified information relevant to terrorists and terrorism and to screening visa applicants who pose a potential threat to the safety or security of the United States.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to implement this section.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title III, §305, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 555; Pub. L. 108–458, title VII, §7203(c), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3814.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–458 inserted at end “In accordance with section 1776 of this title, and as part of the consular training provided to such officers by the Secretary of State, such officers shall also receive training in detecting fraudulent documents and general document forensics and shall be required as part of such training to work with immigration officers conducting inspections of applicants for admission into the United States at ports of entry.”

**§ 1735. Restriction on issuance of visas to non-immigrants from countries that are state sponsors of international terrorism**

**(a) In general**

No nonimmigrant visa under section 1101(a)(15) of this title shall be issued to any alien from a country that is a state sponsor of international terrorism unless the Secretary of State determines, in consultation with the Attorney General and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that such alien does not pose a threat to the safety or national security of the United States. In making a determination under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall apply standards developed by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that are applicable to the nationals of such states.

**(b) State sponsor of international terrorism defined**

**(1) In general**

In this section, the term “state sponsor of international terrorism” means any country the government of which has been determined by the Secretary of State under any of the laws specified in paragraph (2) to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

**(2) Laws under which determinations were made**

The laws specified in this paragraph are the following:

- (A) Section 4605(j)(1)(A) of title 50 (or successor statute).<sup>1</sup>
- (B) Section 2780(d) of title 22.

(C) Section 2371(a) of title 22.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title III, §306, May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 555.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 4605(j)(1)(A) of title 50, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(A), was repealed by Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title XVII, §1766(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2232. Provisions similar to those in former section 4605(j)(1)(A) of title 50 can be found in section 4813(c)(1)(A)(i) of title 50, as enacted by Pub. L. 115–232.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of this title.

**§ 1736. Check of lookout databases**

Prior to the admission of an alien under the visa waiver program established under section 1187 of this title, the Immigration and Naturalization Service shall determine that the applicant for admission does not appear in any of the appropriate lookout databases available to immigration inspectors at the time the alien seeks admission to the United States.

(Pub. L. 107–173, title III, §307(b), May 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 556.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of this title.

**§ 1737. Tracking system for stolen passports**

**(a) Entering stolen passport identification numbers in the interoperable data system**

**(1) In general**

Beginning with implementation under section 1722 of this title of the law enforcement and intelligence data system, not later than 72 hours after receiving notification of the loss or theft of a United States or foreign passport, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall enter into such system the corresponding identification number for the lost or stolen passport.

**(2) Entry of information on previously lost or stolen passports**

To the extent practicable, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall enter into such system the corresponding identification numbers for the United States and foreign passports lost or stolen prior to the implementation of such system.

**(b) Transition period**

Until such time as the law enforcement and intelligence data system described in section

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.