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Enhanced National Security Measures Guidance

On September 24, 2017, The White House announced Enhanced National Security Measures. The measures increase vetting capabilities and impose restrictions on eight countries. Entry into the United States of nationals of the following countries is hereby suspended and limited, subject to categorical exceptions and case by-case waivers:

Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen

Nationals from these countries with valid visas will be permitted to travel to the United States. However, the State Department has issued new restrictions for the eight countries with various treatment of visa categories.¹ Specific rules for each can be found [here](#).

The USOC will continue to work with the Administration to ensure that athletes and officials from all countries will have expedited access to the United States to participate in international athletic competition. It is essential that NGBs and local organizers encourage applicants to begin the visa process early. Furthermore, it is imperative to provide to the USOC a list of athletes and officials from these countries who plan to apply.

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¹ On December 4, 2017, the U.S. Supreme Court granted the government's motions for emergency stays of preliminary injunctions issued by U.S. District Courts in the Districts of Hawaii and Maryland. The preliminary injunctions had prohibited the government from fully enforcing or implementing the entry restrictions of Presidential Proclamation 9645 (P.P.) Per the Supreme Court's orders, those restrictions will be implemented fully, in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation, around the world, beginning December 8 at open of business, local time.