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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[AG Order No. 2645-2003]

#### Permission for Certain Nonimmigrant Aliens From Designated Countries To Register in a Timely Fashion

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice reopens the registration periods noticed in the **Federal Register** on November 6, 2002, 67 FR 67766, and November 22, 2002, 67 FR 70526, to permit citizens or nationals of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen who were required to register under those notices but did not do so, to appear before, register with, and provide requested information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service between January 27, 2003, and February 7, 2003. Registration during this period shall be considered timely under the original notices.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** This notice is effective on January 27, 2003. Aliens described in this notice may register and provide additional information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service on or before February 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Brown, Office of the General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Room 6100, Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-2895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 265(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("Act"), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1305(b), provides that

[t]he Attorney General may in his discretion, upon 10 days notice, require the natives of any one or more foreign states, or any class or group thereof, who are within the United States and who are required to be registered under this subchapter, to notify the Attorney General of their current addresses and furnish such additional information as the Attorney General may require.

Additionally, section 263(a) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1303(a), provides that the

Attorney General may "prescribe special regulations and forms for the registration and fingerprinting of \* \* \* aliens of any other class not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence."

The Attorney General has previously exercised his authority under these and other provisions of the Act to establish special registration procedures under 8 CFR 264.1(f). 67 FR 52584 (Aug. 12, 2002). These requirements are known as the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System ("NSEERS"). In accordance with the authority set forth in 8 CFR 264.1(f)(4), the Attorney General required certain nonimmigrant aliens who are nationals or citizens of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen to register and provide specific information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. See 67 FR 67766 (Nov. 6, 2002); 67 FR 70526 (Nov. 22, 2002) (the "Groups I and II Notices").

Subsequent events have indicated that some number of individuals affected by the Groups I and II Notices remained unaware of the requirements of the notices, despite the publication of the notices in the **Federal Register** and the efforts of the Department to publicize the requirements. As an act of grace, and as an act that is entirely within the Attorney General's discretion, the Attorney General has decided to permit those individuals who were required to register under the Groups I and II Notices but who did not do so, an additional opportunity to register and provide information in a timely fashion. This exercise of discretion does not apply to an alien who was not covered by the Groups I and II Notices. Given the publication of multiple notices relating to other countries issued subsequent to the Groups I and II Notices, and the attendant publicity about NSEERS, aliens who are covered by other notices are not being, and should not expect to be, afforded an additional opportunity to comply with the requirements of the relevant notice.

#### Notice of Requirements for Registration of Certain Nonimmigrant Aliens From Designated Countries

Pursuant to sections 261 through 266 of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("Act"), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1302 through 1306, and particularly sections 263(a) and 265(b) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1303(a) and 8 U.S.C. 1305(b), and 8 CFR 264.1(f), and as a matter of discretion only, I hereby order that a national or citizen of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain,

Eritrea, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen, who was required to register and provide information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service pursuant to the notices published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 67766 on November 6, 2002, and at 67 FR 70526 on November 22, 2002, and who did not do so, may do so between January 27, 2003, and February 7, 2003, inclusive, and that such registration will be considered to have been made in a timely fashion.

Dated: January 14, 2003.

**John Ashcroft,**  
*Attorney General.*

#### Appendix: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Offices for Registration of Certain Nonimmigrants Pursuant to Notice of January 16, 2003

Alaska—Anchorage, 620 East 10th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.  
Arizona—Phoenix, 2035 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.  
Arizona—Tucson, 6431 South Country Club Road, Tucson, Arizona 85706-5907.  
Arkansas—Fort Smith, 4991 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903.  
California—Fresno, 865 Fulton Mall, Fresno, California 93721.  
California—Los Angeles, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Room 2024, Los Angeles, California 90012.  
California—Sacramento, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.  
California—San Bernardino, 655 West Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, California 92410.  
California—San Diego, 880 Front Street, Suite 1209, San Diego, California 92101.  
California—San Francisco, 444 Washington Street, San Francisco, California 94111.  
California—San Jose, 1887 Monterey Road, San Jose, California 95112.  
California—Santa Ana, 34 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California 92701.  
Colorado—Denver, 4730 Paris Street, Denver, CO 80239.  
Connecticut—Hartford, 450 Main Street, 4th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.  
Florida—Jacksonville, 4121 Southpoint Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.  
Florida—Miami, 7880 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33138.  
Florida—Orlando, 9403 Tradeport Drive, Orlando, Florida 32827.  
Florida—Tampa, 5524 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607-1708.  
Florida—West Palm Beach, 326 Fern Street, Riviera Beach, Florida 33401.  
Georgia—Atlanta, 77 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.  
Guam—Agana, Sirena Plaza, Suite 100, 108 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Hagatna, Guam 96910.  
Hawaii—Honolulu, 595 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.  
Idaho—Boise, 1185 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709.  
Illinois—Chicago, 230 South Dearborn, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604.