

Remove, or Present Aliens. Removal from the United States under this section may be effected using the return portion of the round trip passage presented by the alien at the time of entry to the United States as required in §217.2(b)(1) of this part. Such removal shall be on the first available means of transportation to the alien's point of embarkation to the United States. Nothing in this part absolves the carrier of the responsibility to remove any excludable or deportable alien at carrier expense, as provided in §217.6 (b) of this part.

(2) *Removal of excludable and deportable aliens who arrived at land border ports of entry.* Removal under this section will be by the first available means of transportation deemed appropriate by the district director.

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§217.5 Designated countries.

(a)(1) *Visa Waiver Pilot Program countries.* United Kingdom (effective July 1, 1988); Japan (effective December 15, 1988); France and Switzerland (effective July 1, 1989); Germany and Sweden (effective July 15, 1989); Italy and the Netherlands (effective July 29, 1989); Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, and Spain (effective October 1, 1991); Brunei (effective July 29, 1993); Argentina (effective July 8, 1996); and Australia (effective July 29, 1996) have been designated as Visa Waiver Pilot Program countries based on the criteria set forth at sections 217(a)(2)(A) and 217(c) of the Act.

(2) *Visa Waiver Pilot Program countries with Probationary Status.* Effective April 1, 1995, until September 30, 1998 or the expiration of the Visa Waiver Pilot Program, whichever comes first, Ireland has been designated as a Visa Waiver Pilot Program country with Probationary Status in accordance with section 217(g) of the Act.

(b) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this part the term *national of a Visa Waiver Pilot Program country* as used in section 217(a)(2) of the Act when applied to the United Kingdom refers only to British citizens who have the unrestricted right of permanent abode

in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man); it does not refer to British overseas citizens, British dependent territories citizens, or citizens of British Commonwealth countries.

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§217.6 Carrier agreements.

(a) *General.* The carrier agreements referred to in section 217(e) of the Act shall be made by the Commissioner on behalf of the Attorney General and shall be on Form I-775, Visa Waiver Pilot Program Agreement. The term "carrier" as used in this part refers to the owner, charterer, lessee or authorized agent of any commercial vessel or commercial aircraft engaged in transporting passengers to the United States from a foreign place.

(b) *Agreement provisions.* (1) To be authorized to transport an alien to the United States pursuant to section 217 of the Act and this part, a carrier must enter into an agreement on Form I-775 to transport as an applicant for admission under section 217 of the Act and this part, only an alien who:

(i) Is a national of and in possession of a valid passport issued by a country listed in §217.5 of this part;

(ii) Is in possession of a completed and signed Form I-94W, Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Form, prior to inspection;

(iii) Seeks admission into the United States for 90 days or less;

(iv) Is in possession of round trip, non-transferable passage that is valid for one year, issued by a carrier signatory on Form I-775, or by authorized agents who are subcontractors to such a carrier, and guaranteeing transportation from the United States;

(v) Agrees that the return portion of such passage may be used to effect removal from the United States based on a finding of excludability or deportability under §217.4 of this part;

(vi) Appears otherwise admissible.

(2) The carrier further agrees to:

(i) Submit to the Immigration and Naturalization Service the Form I-94W