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**Expansion of US-VISIT Program to Include
Legal Permanent Residents**

In 2004, the Department of Homeland Security implemented a program called US-VISIT, which requires that persons seeking admission into the US through nonimmigrant visas or traveling without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program must provide fingerprints, photographs, or other biometric identifiers upon arrival in, or departure from, the US at air and sea ports of entry. There are a few limited exceptions to this rule, and until recently, Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) were also excluded. However, beginning January 18, 2009, LPRs will now be required to participate in the US-VISIT program and give biometrics information at air and sea ports of entry.

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