

Dear International Student,

On Monday, March 6th, 2017 a new executive order was signed by the President of the United States that outlines travel restrictions for certain nationals. This is an updated version from the previous executive order that was signed on January 27th, 2017. The new executive order has a revised list of six countries that will be subject to a 90-day ban on the issuance of new visas: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Iraq has been removed from the list of countries subject to the travel ban.

The new executive order has been updated with the following:

- 1) Nationals from these countries who hold valid Permanent Residency or a valid visa are exempted from the travel ban.
- 2) The executive order has a future start date of March 16, 2017 and will allow travelers currently in transit to enter the U.S. until this day.

The executive order is similar to the previous one in that it:

- 1) Is a temporary travel ban for 90 days for most visitors, with the possibility to extend.
- 2) Is a temporary travel ban for 120 days for refugees, with a possibility to extend.

It is expected that this executive order will be challenged by various law groups and public and private sector organizations. However, ISSS recommends the following travel precautions:

- Students from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen who hold a U.S. visa should not depart the U.S. at this time, even if you have a valid visa to reenter.
- U.S. permanent residents from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen should refrain from any unnecessary travel and should consult a lawyer before departing the U.S.
- All foreign nationals (non-U.S. Citizens) may experience delays and additional scrutiny when applying for visas and entering the U.S. If planning a trip abroad please allow ample time between flights and for any visa processing. International students should consult their ISSS advisor to ensure they have all the needed travel documents.

ISSS wants to reassure our students and the USF community that we are working to keep students, faculty and staff informed. We will continue to advocate for all of our students and community members in every way that we can. The tone and direction of these policies does not reflect the view of our office. All foreigners and immigrants should know that the diversity they bring to campus is highly valued and enhances our USF community.

You are encouraged to [make an appointment](#) to meet with your ISSS advisor or visit the ISSS office on the UC 5th Floor. We are open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [\(415\) 422-2193](tel:4154222193) or mjdeproto@usfca.edu.

Warmly,

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