



Forensic Document Laboratory

OCTOBER 14, 2008
Conference Room VII
15.00 - 18.00

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement,
Forensic Document Laboratory
cordially invites you to the side event:

Travel and Identification Documents

Program Highlights Include:



Domestic and international training initiatives regarding the detection of fraudulent travel and identity documents



The latest and greatest security measures implemented in travel documents - security features, printing, biometrics, etc.



Current fraud trends for a better understanding of the magnitude of document fraud



Open forum to discuss concerns and issues related to fraudulent travel documents



ALERT No. 2008A-23 **COUNTERFEIT U.S. IMMIGRANT VISA** **JULY 29, 2008**

CBP Officers at San Ysidro Port of Entry intercepted a national of Mexico with an altered Mexican passport containing a counterfeit biographical data page, a counterfeit CBP Orya Mesa admission stamp, and a counterfeit machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV) purportedly issued in Ciudad Juarez. A genuine Immigrant Visa was issued in Ciudad Juarez to a person with the same name, IV Case Number and Alien Registration number. Also note that the "IV Category" is "FX2" which is defined as a "child of an Alien Resident under 21"

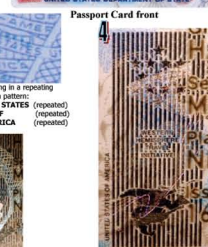


ALERT No. 2008A-22 **New U.S. Passport Card** **July 28, 2008**

The Department of State commenced issuance of the new U.S. Passport Card on July 13, 2008. The U.S. Passport Card conveys proof of both identity and U.S. nationality or citizenship. The purpose of this new document is to facilitate frequent travel for people living near border regions, at a substantially lower cost than a U.S. passport booklet. The Passport Card can be used for land and sea travel only into the U.S. from Canada, Mexico and most Caribbean locations (as appears on reverse side). The document contains a chip and an integrated contactless circuit (ICC) which, when read by the DHS PASS System, accesses a record stored in secure government databases.

Security features include:

- 1) Clear tactile image of the Eagle portion of the Great Seal
- 2) Microline printing in a repeating interference pattern:
1st line: UNITED STATES (repeated)
2nd line: OF (repeated)
3rd line: AMERICA (repeated)
- 3) Complex Optically Variable Device (OVD) embedded below the card's surface features a "Galactic Eagle" with upturned wings, encircled by a real world and microline printing consisting of "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" (shown) and a repeating circular pattern of "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF STATE" in a smaller font (not shown).
- 4) The right half of the OVD is a microline lab featuring a miniature Constellation of Stars and Western Hemisphere silhouette over a larger "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" (seen in image 3).



staggered printing process. An attempt was made to simulate the unaltered MRIV by embossing the border.

V is microline printing that reads repeatedly, "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" (seen in image 3).