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WHAT TO EXPECT IN SECONDARY INSPECTION WHEN ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

Secondary inspection allows U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers to conduct additional research in order to verify information and admissibility to the U.S. During secondary inspection, individuals are usually taken to a separate interview area where an individual's admissibility or status are reviewed before admitting the individual to enter the United States.

SOME OF THE REASONS PEOPLE MAY GET PULLED INTO SECOND INSPECTION MAY INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- ⇒ Use of Advance Parole as an Adjustment of Status Applicant
- ⇒ First entry after having received a green card adjudicated at a consulate
- ⇒ Extended stay outside the U.S.
- ⇒ Mistake in the system
- ⇒ Review of additional immigration documents, such as student I-20s, letters of employment, etc.
- ⇒ Previous experience in secondary inspection
- ⇒ Frequent and/or extensive stay in the U.S. in B or ESTA status
- ⇒ Officer discretion

SECONDARY INSPECTION CAN INCLUDE:

- ⇒ Specific questions about travel, immigration history, and other related topics
- ⇒ Inspection of goods and/or vehicle including personal items
- ⇒ Search of electronic devices
- ⇒ Search of the CBP records
- ⇒ Search of the internet, including social media pages

COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED DURING INSPECTION INCLUDE:

- ⇒ Why are you coming to the United States?
- ⇒ Where will you be staying?
- ⇒ How long will you be staying?
- ⇒ Have you been to the United States before? How long did you stay?
- ⇒ How often do you come to the United States?
- ⇒ Do you have family in the U.S.? The officer may then have follow-up questions regarding any family in the U.S.

IN THE UNLIKELY SITUATION THAT THE CBP OFFICER DETERMINES THE PERSON TO BE INADMISSIBLE, THERE CAN BE SOME NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS, WHICH INCLUDE BEING:

- ⇒ Turned away with instructions on what must be done in order to be admitted
- ⇒ Issued an order of Expedited Removal
- ⇒ Issued a Notice to Appear (NTA), starting removal proceedings. The individual may also be placed in detention.