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MIE comments:

1 - SEVP HQ – (as of yesterday)

Still waiting on publishing the regulatory rule change to increase the 10 DSO limit.

Naming procedures schema for batch processing are expected in October 2014

Sample naming standards printouts to show accents and other added marks are already available in SEVIS, then, in October, the sample group for middle names, etc. will be added, then the new naming format for dependents will be added later (no exact date).

The next naming conventions general interim release will be in November 2014, then the final release is scheduled for spring 2015 (April to June).

There is a one-page naming standards chart from 06/26/14 that is available to start using now (based on the passport MRZ – machine readable zone). StudyintheStates.gov has a 10 page naming standards webinar printout also.

CPT gray areas will soon be considered for tightening up – no time schedule yet.

2 - NIV fees for F and J went to $160 on Sept. 12, 2014.

3 - CBP Officer Larry Minner – comments from the MSP Deferred Inspection Officer of the Day:

I-94 mailbox: I94MSP@cbp.dhs.gov - Relates to an online I-94 "not found" most of the time, but OK for any I-94 inquiries.

Important – if no immediate reply to your I-94 inquiry – check the next day anyway.

I-94 search tips:

Different or additional passport numbers – check the MRZ – esp. central and south America.

Mix-up due to new passports

Long names – cut off, so check the boarding pass

Asian name formats vary – based on the airline format – can be reversed

Mexican passports – first 2 digits above may be dropped in the MRZ

Booklet numbers may be used as passport numbers

I-94s are getting much more attention than before, so it is considered more of an issue now.

Note – Canadian students and EVs should avoid the Automatic Passport Control kiosks

Not always a requirement to print out I-94s –some just the number, some, such as USCIS and the SSA Card Center in MPLS, don't require a printout at all. Some employers feel better if they get a printout.