



## **IMMIGRATION ALERT!**

### **DHS Suspends Re-registration Requirements Under NSEERS**



Effective December 2, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) has suspended the 30-day and 1-year “re-registration” requirements under the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (“NSEERS”).

As previously reported (see <http://www.immstar.com/NEWS/UPLOADS/NSEERSRegRequirements.pdf>), NSEERS established a national registry for certain foreign nationals who either were already in the United States during a certain time period (referred to as “call-in” registration) or who entered the United States in the future (referred to as “port-of-entry” registration). As a part of the NSEERS registration process, port-of-entry registrants were required to appear before DHS 30 days after their admission into the United States to complete a continuing registration interview, and call-in registrants were required to

**The domestic registration program under NSEERS applies to citizens or nationals of a number of countries, including:**

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Libya
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- North Korea
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Qatar
- Somalia
- Saudi Arabia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tunisia
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

appear before DHS within ten days of the first anniversary of their initial registration interview.

DHS maintains that the decision to suspend the 30-day and 1-year re-registration requirements was made after careful review of the NSEERS program and in view of the new registration program US-VISIT that -- once fully implemented -- will collect information and biometric identifiers at arrival and departure for most visitors to the United States. For more information about US-VISIT, see <http://www.immstar.com/NEWS/UPLOADS/US-VISIT.pdf>.



Under the revised NSEERS program, DHS has the discretion to require re-registration of individuals on a case-by-case basis. The suspension of the re-registration requirements **does not** affect the existing requirement under NSEERS that registrants register their departure from the United States at a designated port of departure and depart from that port on the same day. Finally, port-of-entry registration under NSEERS does remain in effect (though without the re-registration requirements).

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