



## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Nonimmigrant Visa Applicants**  
**FROM: Seyfarth Shaw Business Immigration Group**  
**RE: Potential Extreme Vetting of Visa Applications**

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### POTENTIAL VISA PROCESSING DELAYS

The processing times for visa appointment scheduling and visa issuance posted on the U.S. Department of State's website represent estimates and are always subject to change. In addition, all visa applications may be subject to additional delays, including but not limited to: government database errors; security checks; additional administrative processing; social media and related background checks; and, changes in consular staffing levels. These delays can add significant periods of time (several weeks to several months) to your visa application process. Although most visa applicants typically experience a smooth process with quick processing times and few issues, there have been applicants in the past who have encountered extremely long processing delays due to random security checks and administrative processing. Please keep this in mind as you plan your travel.

### NEW U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT VISA QUESTIONNAIRE

The U.S. Department of State (DOS) has designed a new questionnaire to be issued for certain visa applicants during consular visa interviews for the purpose of confirming identity and vetting potential security issues. The consular officer will notify you at the time of your interview if you must complete the questionnaire and you should be able to return it after your interview (some consulates accept the completed questionnaire via email).

We have provided examples below of the type of information DOS would request. You do not need to collect detailed information on these points right now, but you should familiarize yourself should you need to furnish this information. DOS has stated that very few visa applicants (less than 1%) will be selected to complete the questionnaire

1. **Travel History** - Each trip taken within the **past 15 years** (not only to the U.S. but any country outside your home country), including the funding source for each trip and the passport number for all passports issued during this time period.
2. **Work History** - Information requested may include employer name and address, dates of employment, job titles, and job duties within the **past 15 years**.
3. **Other Information** - Names and birth dates of all siblings, children, spouses, and partners.

If you are selected to complete this questionnaire, please notify your Seyfarth contacts so that they may provide additional information if necessary.