

PASSPORTS REQUIRED FOR AIR TRAVEL TO UNITED STATES

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The Departments of State and Homeland Security announced on November 22, 2006 that the requirement for citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda to present a passport to enter the United States when arriving by air from any part of the Western Hemisphere will begin on January 23, 2007.

The first phase involves travel by air and requires all citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes the bearer's identity and nationality to enter or re-enter the United States from within the Western Hemisphere.

A separate proposed rule addressing land and sea travel will be published at a later date proposing specific requirements for travelers entering the United States through land and sea border crossings.

See the DOS press release at: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2006/76752.htm>

See also a news article at: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/TRAVEL/11/22/passports.air.ap/index.html>