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## President Biden Signs Proclamation Continuing Suspension of Entry for Certain Travelers, Adding South Africa; DOS Provides Related Info

**Legal Update**

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On January 25, 2021, President Biden signed a proclamation continuing the suspension of entry of certain travelers from the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Brazil, China and Iran, and expanding restrictions to include travelers from South Africa.

U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents are not subject to the proclamations. Exceptions also include foreign diplomats traveling to the United States on A or G visas; air and sea crew traveling to the United States on C, D or C1/D visas; and others. For the full list of exceptions, refer to the proclamations.

The Department of State also released a listing with descriptions of previous COVID-19-related Presidential Proclamations that remain in force.

**Details:**

- "Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus Disease," Presidential Proclamation, Jan. 25, 2021
- "Presidential Proclamations on Novel Coronavirus," Department of State, Jan. 26, 2021