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## USCIS Implements New Process for Venezuelans

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) began implementing a new process for Venezuelans on October 18, 2022. As announced previously, the new process will provide a “lawful and streamlined” way for nationals of Venezuela who are “outside the United States and lacking U.S. entry documents to come to the United States.”

The fully online process will allow individuals to be considered on a case-by-case basis for “advance authorization to travel to the United States and seek a temporary period of parole for up to two years” if they have a supporter in the United States who will provide financial and other support, undergo and clear security vetting, meet other eligibility criteria, and warrant a favorable exercise of discretion. Those who attempt to enter the United States between ports of entry will be subject to return to Mexico and will be subsequently ineligible for this process, USCIS said.