

Immigration Information

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(a) General. This section deals, in general terms, with the functions of and relationships to Adjudication certain organizations within USCIS. For information on liaison with other government agencies, see ch for information about procedures for record checks through the FBI, Department of State and others, : 18.

(b) Investigations Program. Each district and sub-office has an Investigations Branch which handles a of immigration-related investigative activity. Investigations case work falls primarily into three areas:

- employer sanctions, which is responsible for investigation and prosecution of employer which are of **section 274A** of the INA which prohibits the employment of aliens who do not have employment authorization;
- criminal alien investigation and processing; and
- fraud investigation, dealing with aliens who commit fraud to circumvent the immigration laws.

Most enforcement activities leading to arrest and removal proceedings within district offices stem from these three activities. Because of extremely limited resources available for benefit fraud investigative a district Adjudications officers must work closely with Investigations personnel to minimize the volume (which are referred for investigative action. Whenever possible, district Adjudications officers should de simple fraud cases without major involvement by Investigations officers. Investigations should be alert there is possible criminal prosecution of large scale operations: document vendors, marriage fraud rin, fraudulent attorney activities, etc. For detailed information regarding the Investigations Case Manager (ICMS), the management system which determines the priority of casework accepted by the Investiga Program, see the *Investigator's Field Manual*, Chapter 61.

(c) Detention and Removal Program. The district Detention and Removal operation is responsible for t management of a docket of cases involving aliens determined to be unlawfully present in the United St most districts, unlawfully present aliens are regularly identified during the course of adjudication. Adjud officers may be required to initiate removal proceedings and place aliens under docket control upon de certain immigration benefits. Local procedures, largely dictated by resource availability, will determine i cases are placed under docket control and which offices are responsible for such actions.

(d) District Counsel. The district counsel staff is the legal advisor for the district director in addition to s the prosecuting attorney in removal proceedings. The district counsel may also represent the interests Adjudications Branch when lawsuits are filed involving Adjudications decisions. USCIS attorneys may l to prepare and file legal briefs in Federal court as well as immigration court. It is critical that close liaisc between district counsel staffs and adjudications officers in order to guarantee that only strong, legally cases are brought into court and to forestall legal actions against USCIS. In some jurisdictions, the Un Attorney has a special assistant United States Attorney for immigration litigation. The district counsel is primary liaison with this special assistant.

(e) Intelligence Program. The ICE Intelligence Program supports Adjudications in several ways such a

examining and identifying fraudulent documents used to support applications and petitions, providing legitimate and counterfeit documents and identifying and reporting trends in unlawful immigration-related. Individual officers contribute to the Intelligence Program through a district intelligence officer (generally more collateral positions), submitting information which may have potential intelligence value. Refer to the *Inspector's Field Manual*, Chapter 32 for a detailed discussion of the Service Intelligence Program, Intelligence gathering, and forensic analysis capabilities and procedures of the Forensic Document Laboratory. Also see the Intelligence Bulletin Board on the ICE INTRANET. See also FinCen and INTERPOL, discussed in § Chapter 5.5 and SAFM Chapter 5.6, respectively.

(f) El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) Operations. Although not a part of USCIS, EPIC is staffed, in part, by USCIS employees. A discussion of EPIC operations and the reporting of documented false claims is contained in Chapter 32.6 of the *Inspector's Field Manual*. Among other things, EPIC is a repository and source of information concerning authentic and counterfeit birth records often used to support false claims to United States citizenship.

(g) Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The Department of Homeland Security's Management Directive 0810.1 of August 24, 2004, established DHS policy regarding the Office of the Inspector General (See [3-1](#)).

(h) Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS).

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