




U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Todd C. Owen
Executive Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations

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Chief, U.S. Border Patrol

FROM: Kevin K. McAleenan 
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols

Effective January 28, 2019, and in furtherance of the provisions of the attached memorandum from the Secretary, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will commence implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) under its existing discretion and the authority of Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the INA provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security may return certain applicants for admission to the contiguous country from which they are arriving on land (whether or not at a designated port of entry) pending removal proceedings under Section 240 of the INA.

MPP implementation will begin at the San Ysidro port of entry on January 28, 2019, and it is anticipated that it will be expanded in the near future. Please ensure that each stage of MPP expansion beyond OFO implementation at San Ysidro is coordinated closely with my office.

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