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Government of India  
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs  
[Emigration Section]

Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,  
New Delhi, Dated: 26.09.07

To All the POEs.

Subject: **Abolition of the Procedure of Emigration Check Required Suspension (ECRS) with effect from 1.10.07 – regarding.**

Sir,  
In pursuance of the orders issued vide MOIA's OM dated 20.09.07 on the subject mentioned above, (copy enclosed) it is stated that the procedure of grant of ECRS Clearance stands abolished w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007. You are, therefore, requested not to process any case of grant of ECRS clearance with effect from the said date.

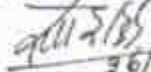
2. Consequently, w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007, the ECR passport holders traveling abroad for purposes other than employment will be allowed to leave the country on production of valid passport, valid visa and return ticket, at the Immigration Counters at the International airports in India. The data on all such passengers going abroad in terms of the country and the duration of the visit will be maintained by the Bureau of Immigration.

3. In case any person approaches POE office for grant of ECRS clearance, w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007, the POE may provide him a copy of the MOIA order with an endorsement indicating the authority to be contacted at the port of departure for redressal of grievance, if any, in this regard.

4. POEs are requested to get in touch with all concerned authorities viz. Immigration authorities, RPOs etc. in their jurisdiction in order to ensure that passengers or persons approaching the concerned authorities before departure for the visit purposes are not inconvenienced or harassed and their departure from the country on the valid documents is made smooth and trouble free.

5. Further you are requested to give wide circulation to these instructions in your jurisdiction and by all possible means also bring it to the notice of all the RAs, RA Associations and the general public. The instructions may also be displayed prominently on the notice board in the POE office.

Yours faithfully,

  
26/9/07  
(R. C. Meena)

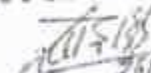
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**Copy for information, necessary action & compliance to:**

1. Joint Director, Bureau of Immigration, MHA, New Delhi, with a request to issue necessary instructions in this regard to all the concerned authorities under their administrative control.
2. JS (Gulf) MEA / JS (CS), MHA.
3. All RPOs.
4. Indian Missions in all ECR countries.
5. Dr. RK Verma, Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a soft copy.

**Copy for information to:** PS to Minister / Sr. PPS to Secretary, MOIA / PS to JS (FS) / PS to PGE / PA to Director (ES) / PA to Director (EP).

  
26/9/07  
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