Shirk, Georgette L

From: Sohn, Elizabeth J

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:05 AM

To: Hartman, Tamar P; Whelan, Scott P; Hanehan, Brendan J; Benedict, Deborah L; Tellawi, Heba K;

Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande); Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E; Peck, Denis R

Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide)

Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Good Morning,

The FO sent the updated SOP and rejection notices to OP&S and OCC on Tuesday for review. OP&S cleared with a few minor edits and sent them back this morning. Scott, I'm guessing you will probably hear from the FO soon regarding those. I think the FO will likely be able to set an implementation date soon.

Thanks, Elizabeth

From: Hartman, Tamar P <	gov>	
Sent: Wednesday, December 1	1, 2019 8:59 PM	
To: Whelan, Scott P	gov>; Hanehan, Bren	ndan J
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Andrea L (Ande) <	gov>; Fitzpatrick, N	Meaghan E
<u></u>	gov>; Peck, Denis R <	.gov>
Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ad	demide)	.gov>
Subject: RE: For agency cleara	nce: Communications materials related	to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Hi Scott,

Thanks for the update. I haven't heard about the SOP or rejection notice. The FO cleared comms materials (PAG and alert box), which no longer include an implementation date.

Thanks, Tamar

From: Whelan, Scott P < .gov> Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 4:32 PM .gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J gov>; Benedict, Deborah L .gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J < .gov>; Tellawi, Heba K < gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) gov>: Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E gov>; Peck, Denis R < gov> Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) gov> Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Good Afternoon Tamar.

Did the FO clear the SOP and updated rejection notice language? VSC Records will need those cleared before training can begin. I haven't received any cleared documents from the FO as of today.

Scott Whelan

Service Center Operations (SCOPS) HQ
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
From: Hartman, Tamar P \ .gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 3:03 PM
To: Whelan, Scott P gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J
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Elizabeth J gov>: Tellawi, Heba K gov>; Freiberger,
Andrea L (Ande) gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E gov>; Peck, Denis R
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918
Hello,
The FO cleared on the comms materials. Does this group know the desired timeline for rollout?
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Thanks! Tamar
From: Whelan, Scott P <
Sent: Monday, December <u>09, 2019 10:45 AM</u>
To: Hanehan, Brendan J \(\) .gov>; Hartman, Tamar P
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Elizabeth J < <u>.gov</u> >
Ce: Tellawi, Heba K < gov>; Policy-Clearance < gov>;
OCC-Clearance gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande)
[gov]>; Parascandola, Ciro A [gov]>;
Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <
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(Ademide) < gov>
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918
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	Subject: RE: For agency	clearance: Commu	nications mate	erials related to r	revised intake cr	riteria for Form I-918
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We are currently working with the Front Office to close this out. VSC Records is preparing updated rejection notices and the SOP drafts to be reviewed by SCOPS and then sent to the FO by COB today . FO stated they will help issue the clearance of these documents through the proper offices. I assume that once cleared, the FO will provide the implementation date for the LG and PAG, taking the training period into account.

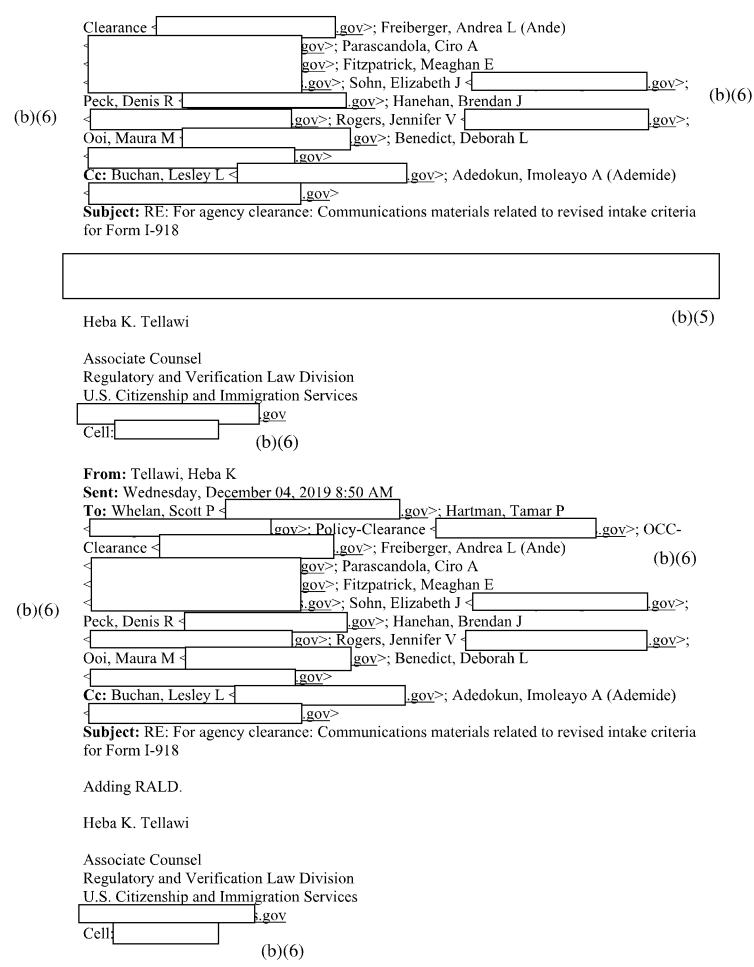
Thank you.

Scott Whelan

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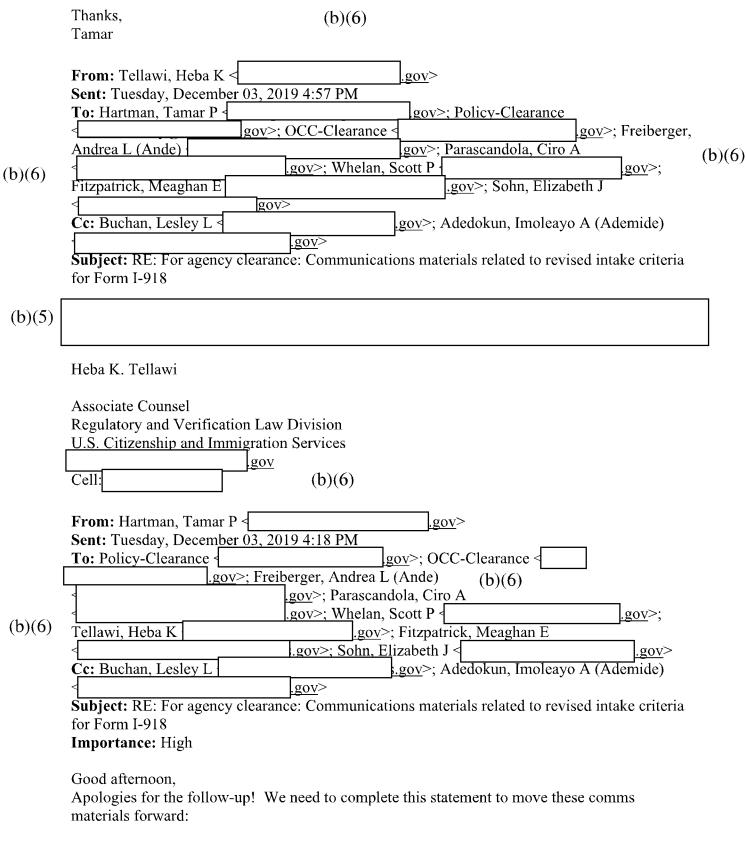
From: Hartman, Tamar P \(\left[\left[gov \right] \) Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Whelan, Scott P .gov>; Benedict, Deborah L
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Cc: Tellawi, Heba K < <u>.gov</u> >; Policy-Clearance < <u>.gov</u> >;
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Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E \(\) .gov>; Peck, Denis R
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V \ gov \; Ooi, Maura M \ gov \; Buchan, Lesley L
.gov">; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) < a href="mailto:sgov">.gov
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-91
Good morning, Just a friendly reminder to please share the date when you have it for the comms materials. These standardized intake procedures will go into effect on Dec. XX 2019.
These standardized intake procedures will go into effect on Dec. AA 2017.
Thanks, Tamar
From: Hartman, Tamar P Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 10:55 AM To: Whelan, Scott P gov>; Benedict, Deborah L
Thank you, all. I'll stand by for the implementation date.
Please keep me posted.
Thanks, Tamar
From: Whelan, Scott P <gov></gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Benedict, Deborah L \
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Cc: Tellawi, Heba K gov>; Hartman, Tamar P gov>;

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Subject: RE: For agency clearance: C	ommunications materials relat	ed to revised intake criter	ia for Form I-918
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Scott Whelau			
Service Center Operations (SCOPS) H	10		
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Serv	~		
From: Benedict, Deborah L	.gov>		
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Subject: Re: For agency clearance: Co	ommunications materials relate	ed to revised intake criteri	a for Form I-918
Is there anyone from OIDP on this cha	nin or that we could reach out t	7.0?	
Sent from my iPhone			
On Dec 4, 2019, at 1:07 PM, S	ohn, Elizabeth J <	<u>gov</u> > wro	te:
Hello,			
I just checked as well, and OPa happy to review a draft, though have a draft of the current reject	n. Are these typically drafted l		
Thanks, Elizabeth			
From: Tellawi, Heba K	.gov>		
Sent: Wednesday, December 4			
To: Whelan, Scott P		tman, Tamar P	
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	Peck, Denis R \(\left[\left[\left] \]
	Cc: Buchan, Lesley L \(\) .gov \(\); Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide)
	<u>,gov</u> >
	Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918
	That will be with whoever is drafting and clearing the rejection notice. I haven't seen a copy yet and don't know who has the lead on that. OCC or OP&S I would assume?
	Scott Whelan
	Service Center Operations (SCOPS) HQ
	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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	Cc: Buchan, Lesley L < gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide)
	Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918
	Additionally, the updated rejection notice with the new criteria that will be issued to petitioners must be completed and cleared before training can take place. Once the rejection notice has been cleared, training can begin, which can be completed in 2 weeks.
	Scott Whelan Service Center Operations (SCOPS) HQ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (b)(6)
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	gov Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918
	Adding Denis for visibility.
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	From: Hartman, Tamar P
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These standardized intake procedures will go into effect on Dec. XX 2019.

Thank you again for your previous clearance, quick review and all your help!

Tamar Hartman
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Office:

From: Howard, Rothley L <gov> On Behalf Of Policy-Clearance</gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Hartman, Tamar P <gov>; OCC-Clearance <</gov>
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Hanehan, Brendan J gov>; Quiroz, Leslie R
gov>; Policy-Clearance < gov>
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria
for Form I-918
Tamar,
OP&S concurs with edits. Please see the links for the edits.
Thanks,
~~~~~,
Rothley L Howard
Office of Policy and Strategy (OP&S)
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)   Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20529
Office:   Mobile:   Email:   gov
From: Hartman, Tamar P \ gov>
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2019 1:22 PM
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Linked for expedited review and clearance are communications materials related to intake criteria changes for Form I-918 and Form I-918 Supplement A. The planned rollout for this announcement is still TBD (b)(5)

#### **Due Date:**

Requesting expedited clearance by 10:00am tomorrow, Dec. 3. Please remember to provide the name of the most senior person who reviewed and cleared this for your office.

## **Linked Materials:**

- 1) <u>LG</u>
- **2)** PAG
- 3) Alert box

#### **Background:**

USCIS is updating rejection criteria in its intake SOP for Forms I-918 and Forms I-918 SuppA. (SuppB intake criteria are not being changed.) Currently, USCIS accepts forms unless a signature or page is missing. USCIS will now be requiring certain fields to be completed. If a required field is left empty, USCIS will reject it. Form instructions, which already request that all fields are answered, will not be changed.

For your visibility, the tactical rollout is provided below.

Tactical Rollout - pending leadership review/ subject to change

Week/Day	Deliverable
Dec XX, 2019	

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