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The initiative will be implemented in phases. The proposed timeline is as follows:

- December 31, <u>2006</u>: Requirement applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.
- December 31, 2007: Requirement extended to all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.

For more information on the initiative and how it may affect you, please visit the State Department's consular website <u>travel.state.gov</u> or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website <u>www.dhs.gov</u>.

For more information about applying for a passport, U.S. citizens may visit travel.state.gov or call the National Passport Information Center toll free at 1-877-4USA-PPT or TDD/TYY: 1-888-874-7793. Foreign nationals should contact their respective governments to obtain passports.