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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

19 CFR Chapter I

Termination of Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within Rwanda

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Announcement of termination of arrival restrictions.

SUMMARY: This document announces the decision of the Secretary of Homeland Security to terminate arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, Rwanda. These restrictions directed such flights to arrive at one of the U.S. airports where the U.S. government had focused public health resources to implement enhanced public health measures.

DATES: The arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, Rwanda are terminated for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 4, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Watson, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection at 202–255–7018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 15, 2024, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, Rwanda due to an outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) in Rwanda. (89 FR 83620). These restrictions directed such flights to arrive at one of the U.S. airports where the U.S. government focused public health resources to implement enhanced public health measures. For purposes of that document, a person had recently traveled from Rwanda if that person had departed from, or was otherwise present within, Rwanda within 21 days of the

date of the person's entry or attempted entry into the United States. Also, for purposes of that document, crew and flights carrying only cargo (*i.e.*, no passengers or non-crew) were excluded from those measures.

The Secretary has decided to terminate the above arrival restrictions. The last unlinked case of MVD was isolated in Rwanda on October 24, 2024, and 42 days (two 21-day incubation periods) will have passed by the time the termination takes effect. Additionally, since October 30, 2024, there have been no new confirmed MVD cases reported in Rwanda, no new chains of transmission, and no new districts reporting local case transmissions. Therefore, arrival restrictions are no longer required for flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, Rwanda.

Notice of Termination of Arrival Restrictions Applicable to All Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within Rwanda

Pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 112(a), 19 U.S.C. 1433(c), and 19 CFR 122.32, for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 4, 2024, I hereby terminate the arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, Rwanda announced in the Arrival Restrictions document published at 89 FR 83620 (Oct. 17, 2024).

Alejandro N. Mayorkas,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 5

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Adoption of 2020 Core Based Statistical Area Standards

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule adopts the 2020 Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) standards as determined by the Office of Management and Budget's July 16, 2021,

Federal Register notice for all HUD use of CBSAs. HUD uses CBSAs throughout its programs and is updating the standards to ensure accuracy of data and program administration.

DATES: Effective January 6, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt Usowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202–402–5899 (this is not a toll-free number) or via email to Kurt.G.Usowski@hud.gov. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In its role as coordinator of the Federal statistical system, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) establishes and maintains the CBSA program. CBSAs are geographic areas containing a large population center, or urban area, and adjacent communities that have a high degree of integration with that population center measured by commuting ties. OMB maintains CBSAs solely for statistical purposes. Every decade, OMB reviews and updates the Standards for Delineating CBSAs (CBSA standards), which describe the data sources and methods OMB uses to determine which geographic areas are to be designated CBSAs, prior to their application to new decennial census data. OMB updated CBSA standards on July 16, 2021 (86 FR 37770) prior to applying them to 2020 Census data.

The Metropolitan Areas Protection and Standardization Act of 2021, or the MAPS Act, (31 U.S.C. 6102, *et seq.*) prohibits agencies from automatically propagating OMB's CBSA standards for non-statistical use by any domestic assistance program unless the agency determines that the propagation: (1) supports the purpose of the program; and (2) is in the public interest. (31 U.S.C. 6309(a)(2)(A)). Propagation of the CBSA standards for non-statistical use by domestic assistance programs must be done through a notice and comment rulemaking. (31 U.S.C. 6309(a)(2)(B)).