A Breakdown of the “Muslim Ban”
An Advocacy Tool for Impacted Communities

Which Countries Are Restricted | Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Who Does This Impact | Visa Holders and Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders) outside of the United States. Dual nationals and multi-visa holders are also impacted by the ban. There is an indefinite ban on all Syrian refugees.

Additional Countries May Be Added | The Executive Order has a provision that enables the President to additional countries at any time.

Scope of Time | The order is in immediate effect for 90 days and may be extended after that period.

Remain in Country | Please advise impacted individuals (Undocumented, Visa Holders and Green Card Holders) not to leave the U.S. Their prospects for reentry will be in jeopardy.

Restriction on Muslims | In addition to the seven listed countries being Muslim-majority, the Executive Order also excludes individuals who “would place violent ideologies over American Law,” which is coded language for Islam.

Exception for Christian and “Minority Religions” | The Order creates exceptions for Christians and members of minority faiths from the seven countries to enter as refugees.

Interview Requirement | The Order requires all visa applicants to attend an interview, whereby they will be vetted and interviewed on grounds of political, cultural and religious views.

Does Order Include Deportations | Not at this time. However, subsequent immigrant and counterterror measures may function to expose impacted groups to deportation.

It is a Muslim Ban | The order is specifically tailored to restrict entry of Muslims from seven Muslim-majority countries, so it is a partial “Muslim Ban.” So, call it a “Muslim Ban.”

Who to Contact | Contact the American Anti-Discrimination Committee Legal Department at (202) 244-2990, or via email to legal@adc.org.

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