#### **Points of Contact**

1. Notification of detention of Mexican nationals and Consular access.

Consulate of Mexico in Brownsville, Texas Department of Protection

2. Names, positions and contact information of the Offices responsible for receiving Mexicans nationals and coordination of repatriation activities.

National Institute of Migration (INM) Gateway International Bridge, Matamoros Mexico

3. Names, positions and contact information of the Offices responsible for receiving information for the repatriation of an individual suspected of committing, or known to have committed, criminal violations and identified as being of special interest to the Government of Mexico.

Attorney General of Mexico (PGR)
PGR Legal Office in San Antonio, Texas

PGR's State Delegation in Reynosa, Tamaulipas

A copy of the information should be sent to:

**Consulate of Mexico** in Brownsville, Texas **Department of Protection** 

**National Institute of Migration Department of Human Repatriation** 

4. Names, positions and contact information of the Offices responsible for delivering the Mexicans nationals and coordination of repatriation activities.

**U.S.** Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO)

U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) Rio Grande International Liaison Unit (RGV ILU)

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)** 

# Ports of Repatriation, Schedules of Repatriation and Conditions for Routine Notification of Repatriations of Mexican Nationals

The identified Ports of Entry and hours of repatriation in this attachment, except where otherwise outlined in this arrangement, should be applicable to all repatriations conducted by the U.S. Border Patrol, Enforcement and Removal Operations, and Homeland Security Investigations.

| PORTS OF REPATRIATION              | SCHEDULE OF REPATRATION   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Gateway International Bridge     | Schedule for repatriation in general: 0600-2200   |
|                                    | Unaccompanied Minors: 1100 and 1600 hrs.  |
|                                    | <b>Special Needs:</b> 0800-1800 (May include medically vulnerable, pregnant women, or any case requiring special consideration of coordination. See attachment 4.3) |
| 2. B&M International Bridge        | No Repatriations except under established exceptions with appropriate notifications to GOM.   |
| 3. Veterans International Bridge   | No Repatriations except under established exceptions with appropriate notifications to GOM.   |
| 4 International Trade (Los Indios) | No Repatriations except under established exceptions with appropriate notifications to GOM.   |

## **Conditions for routine notifications of repatriations of Mexican nationals**

Consistent with this Arrangement, the DHS Participants should take into consideration the following conditions for routine notifications of repatriations of Mexican nationals:

- 1. All notifications to the applicable authorities should be done at least thirty (30) minutes prior to repatriation.
- 2. Before the repatriation of any group larger than fifteen (15) and less than fifty (50) takes place, the DHS Participants should make every effort to notify INM thirty (30) minutes prior to repatriating.

- 3. If it is not possible to establish immediate communication via telephone, the local INM office can be notified directly.
- 4. Before or during the repatriation, the DHS Participants should provide INM a list of the persons to be repatriated. The list should contain the basic information included in DHS form I-216.
- 5. When individuals that have been convicted of criminal offenses are being repatriated, the aforementioned list should also be sent to PGR and include, whenever possible, the following information: alias, registration number, type of removal, crime, date of conviction and time served.
- 6. The repatriation of known fugitives wanted by the Government of Mexico should be done separately from the repatriation of other Mexican nationals.
- 7. Each field office/station should limit repatriated groups to include a maximum of fifty (50), with no minimum, adult persons per event, with a minimum interval of thirty (30) minutes between groups from each respective processing location, during the established schedules for the Ports of Repatriation. If the group consists of less than fifteen (15) people, there are no time constraints. Repatriations resulting from ICE Air repatriation flights may consist of more than fifty (50), with appropriate prior notification to the government of Mexico.
- 8. If a group larger than fifty (50) persons is to be repatriated, the DHS Participants should notify INM at least one (1) hour before repatriation to allow INM to deploy the appropriate number of officers to reduce the period of delivery and reception of the repatriated Mexican nationals.
- 9. Regarding Mexican nationals who are to be repatriated directly from the interior of the U.S., and consistent with the Local Repatriation Arrangements at originating locations, Consulates should receive lists of such nationals from the DHS Participants, and the Consulates should then notify appropriate INM officers at the border.
- 10. The repatriation of persons with special needs should be consistent with the points of repatriation, schedules and conditions identified in the table that appears at the beginning of this **Attachment 2** and the conditions identified in **Attachment 4**.
- 11. In case of doubt about a person's nationality, the DHS Participants should request that the person be interviewed by an INM officer.
- 12. Any repatriated individual found by the Mexican authorities to be a national of a third country should be returned to the DHS officers as soon as possible.

- 13. The signatory participants should take all feasible steps to ensure that property, valuables, and money retained, are available for return to the rightful owner at the time of initial release from DHS custody.
- 14. Any exception to the established schedule should be properly coordinated with the appropriate authorities. Exceptions may be made for:
  - Assisting a vulnerable person
  - Law enforcement need
  - Operational tempo

DHS Participants should make every effort to notify INM a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to repatriating due to exceptions.

#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

## **Incident Reporting**

Officers in charge of receiving and / or conveying information about incidents involving alleged misconduct, mistreatment or violation of human rights.

Consulate of Mexico in Brownsville, Texas Department of Protection

National Institute of Migration at Gateway International Bridge in Matamoros, Tamaulipas

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of field Operations** 

**U.S. Border Patrol** 

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations** 

**Homeland Security Investigations** 

# **Repatriation of Persons with Special Needs**

In addition to the details identified in Attachment 2 about ports and schedules of repatriation of persons with special needs, and consistent with Section 12 of this Arrangement the DHS Participants should consider the following:

When applicable within each category below, the DHS Participants and the Consulate should make every effort to obtain the appropriate medical records and all information about the individual, including any contact information about any known family member of the person.

# **4.1 Repatriation of Unaccompanied Minors**

- The Consulate should be notified so that the minors may be interviewed.
- Interviews of unaccompanied minors should be held at least two (2) times a day, at 1100 hrs and 1600 hrs or as necessary through a coordinated time.

## 4.2 Repatriation of Mexican nationals with special medical needs

- If a special device (crutches, wheelchair, walker, etc.) is needed to facilitate the mobilization and repatriation of individuals, the device should be supplied by the medical center that provided the care for the individuals; otherwise, the DHS Participants should allow the Consulate reasonable time to provide the device.
- The repatriation should not take place until the necessary arrangements with the family or medical institution receiving the person with special medical needs are made.
- The repatriation should take place as early as possible.

## 4.3 Repatriation of Mentally Incapacitated Persons

- The Consulate should be notified as soon as possible of the intended repatriation of a mentally incapacitated person and the repatriation should take place as soon as possible after the notification.
- The repatriation should take place at the earliest convenience.

# The Safe and Humane Treatment and Repatriation Of Unaccompanied Mexican Children

- 1) For the DHS personnel, all interactions between CBP and ICE personnel and unaccompanied Mexican children, including but not limited to those areas or actions identified in this Local Repatriation Arrangements and all addenda, are to be consistent with and in accordance with all provisions of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008; similarly the interactions of Mexican officers with Mexican children including but not limited to those areas or actions identified in this Local Repatriation Arrangements and all addenda, are to be conducted in accordance with any applicable domestic and international norms and through the application of the Consular Protection Protocol for Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Adolescents.
- 2) The U.S.-Mexico Local Repatriation Arrangements are to be the guiding framework for the safe and humane treatment and repatriation of unaccompanied Mexican children.
- 3) Repatriations of Unaccompanied Mexican Children are to be conducted in a manner consistent with the Local Repatriation Arrangement for the area through which unaccompanied Mexican children are returned, consistent with the times and location outlined in Attachment 2 of the Local Repatriation Agreements, and to appropriate Mexican government officials. In cases where the best interest of an individual child requires deviation from the Local Repatriation Arrangement, such actions are to be taken only with the coordination and concurrence of the competent U.S. and Mexican officials.
- 4) DHS personnel must determine whether an unaccompanied child encountered at a land border or port of entry is capable of making an independent decision and screen appropriately for signs victimization of a severe form of trafficking, risk of trafficking upon return, and fear of return due to a credible fear of persecution.
- 5) If DHS personnel determine that an unaccompanied Mexican child has been, a victim of a severe form of trafficking, is at risk of being trafficked upon return or is afraid to return to Mexico because of a credible fear of persecution, or that he or she is not able to make an independent decision to withdraw his or her application for admission to the United States, DHS personnel are to:
  - a. Engage in established protection processes and procedures available under U.S. law including in removal proceedings before an immigration judge;
  - b. Notify and provide consular access to unaccompanied Mexican children consistent with existing arrangements, agreements and legal obligations.
- 6) Mexican Consular and Immigration officials are to duly coordinate with CBP and ICE through established local relationships, and among relevant Mexican agencies or groups, regarding the safe and humane treatment of and/or return of

- unaccompanied Mexican children being repatriated, including appropriate intervention with unaccompanied Mexican children.
- 7) In cases where the application of the Consular Protection Protocol for Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Adolescents by Mexican officials results in the identification of potential victims of a severe form of trafficking or subjects that claim a fear of return due to a credible fear of persecution, all applicable information is to be provided to DHS in order to evaluate any potential further protective actions.
- 8) DHS and Mexican officers, agents, and personnel who have substantive contact with unaccompanied Mexican children are to receive appropriate training on the implementation of these repatriation arrangements, including on identifying children who are victims of a severe form of trafficking and children for whom asylum, special immigrant relief, and/or other government or group support that may be appropriate; additionally, the Government of Mexico intends to share with DHS the Consular Protection Protocol for Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Adolescents, including best practices in interviewing unaccompanied minors.
- 9) In order to safeguard unaccompanied children who are nationals of third countries, both DHS and Mexican agencies aver their respective and collective intent to intervene with all appropriate measures at the earliest point possible, consistent with their respective legal frameworks and international commitments, and in harmony with the principles outlined in the Managua Extraordinary Declaration issued by Vice Ministers and the Heads of Delegation of the Member Countries of the XIX Regional Conference on Migration held in Managua, Nicaragua in June 2014.
- 10) Concerns with implementation of this addendum should be addressed locally, with issues being elevated to the Repatriation Technical Working Group when resolution at a lower level is not possible.