



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Privacy Information – Biometric Boarding

As you approach the e-gate or camera, your photograph will be taken and provided to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CBP will compare that photograph to the image(s) associated with your passport, visa, other travel documents, or prior border inspections.

CBP will delete photographs of U.S. citizens collected through this process within 12 hours. For certain non-U.S. citizens, the photograph may be retained in secure Department of Homeland Security (DHS) systems and used as a biometric confirmation of departure from the United States as required by law (8 U.S.C. § 1365b; 8 C.F.R. 215.8(a)(1)).

All CBP partners – such as airports, air carriers, their system integrators and/or vendors – will immediately delete any photos taken during this process. These entities will not retain any photograph taken during boarding for any purpose and are subject to DHS compliance audits.

If you do not wish to have your picture taken, please see a gate agent or CBP officer to request alternative procedures for identity verification and/or biometric confirmation of departure from the United States.

**For more information, please visit our website at
www.cbp.gov/biometrics.**