



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

## **Privacy Information – Pre-Departure**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is taking photographs of travelers to verify the identity of travelers departing U.S. territories en route to the U.S. or other U.S. territories. This is done in order to verify that each person presenting a travel document is the true bearer of that document in compliance with 8 CFR § 235.5. CBP will compare the photograph taken with images associated with your passport, other travel documents, or prior boarding encounters.**

**All photos taken during this process will be deleted. CBP will delete U.S. citizen photographs collected through this process within 12 hours and non-U.S. citizen photographs within 14 days.**

**If you are a U.S. citizen and do not wish to have your photograph taken, please see a CBP officer to request an alternative procedure for identity verification.**

**For more information, please visit our website at  
[www.cbp.gov/biometrics](http://www.cbp.gov/biometrics).**