

Immigration-Related Executive Orders Expected

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On January 24, 2017, **President Donald Trump** sent this *Twitter* message: “Big day planned on NATIONAL SECURITY tomorrow. Among other things, we will build the wall!” So begin what are expected to be several days of focus on Executive Orders affecting the nation’s immigration system and processes.

Trump is scheduled to make an appearance at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on January 25 and is expected to sign executive orders related to border security and immigration. Early indications are that these will address funding for construction of additional fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border. Construction of a border wall was a centerpiece of his campaign.

The President also is expected to sign orders restricting federal funding to “sanctuary cities” that refuse to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in identifying illegal immigrants. Additional executive action is expected regarding limitations on refugee resettlement, a temporary ban on visa issuance and admission of individuals from certain countries (e.g., Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen) pending additional vetting processes being put in place. The President even may direct completion of a biometric entry-exit system and announce additional screening efforts for all individuals seeking immigration benefits.

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