

9 FAM Appendix O

1300 TRANSPORTATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

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9 FAM 1301 Eligibility for International Organization for Migration (IOM) Transportation Assistance

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Refugees approved for admission to the United States (except privately-sponsored refugees, as noted in 9 FAM Appendix O, 1100) are eligible to receive interest-free transportation loans from the U.S. Government through the *International Organization For Migration* (IOM) for their travel to the United States. IOM will also assist refugees in making transportation arrangements. However, There is no requirement that refugees obtain an IOM transportation loan for travel to the United States. Refugees who wish to pay for their own transportation up-front are free to make their own travel arrangements. Post must inform the *Refugee Data Center* (RDC) of these "self-payers" departure plans (refugee names, dates and places of birth, alien number, arrival time, port of entry, and final destination in the United States) prior to the departure date. Changes in departure plans, if any, require informing RDC of the new travel plans.

9 FAM 1302 Procedure for Requesting International Organization for Migration (IOM) Transportation Assistance

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If the post is in a country with an *International Organization for Migration* (IOM) office, the post should contact that office to arrange the refugee's travel. If there is no local IOM office, the post may request transportation arrangements from IOM/Geneva by sending a cable to the U.S. Mission Geneva using the "IOM" tag and slugging the cable "Mission Geneva, please pass to IOM."

9 FAM 1303 Data Needed by International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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When requesting that the *International Organization For Migration* (IOM) in Geneva make refugee transportation arrangements, the post should provide the following information:

- (1) The refugee case number;
- (2) The name, sex, date and place of birth, and alien registration number of each refugee in the family who will be traveling;
- (3) The city and state of final destination, and the airport closest thereto, if known;
- (4) The name and address of the sponsoring national Volag, and name and address of local resettlement organization, if known;
- (5) Date the refugee plans to travel; and
- (6) Any special arrangements required, such as medical escorts, escorts for unaccompanied minors, need for crutches, stretcher cases, wheel-chair cases and accompanying pets.

9 FAM 1304 Receipt of Tickets

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The International Organization For Migration (IOM) will notify the post when transportation arrangements are finalized and will instruct the airlines to provide the refugee with the necessary ticket(s).

9 FAM 1305 International Organization for Migration (IOM) Promissory Note

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Consular officers should emphasize to refugees that their transportation to the United States is not a gift but is a loan, which they must repay. The sponsoring voluntary agency is responsible for ensuring repayment of the loan. All refugees receiving transportation assistance are required to

execute an *International Organization For Migration* (IOM) promissory note, a copy of which is in 9 FAM Appendix O, Exhibit VIII. If there is no local IOM office, the consular officer should have the refugee execute a copy of the promissory note before departure. The post should send the original of this note to:

The International Organization for Migration
1123 Broadway, Room 717
New York, NY 10010.