

## **CBP launches EVUS for Chinese travelers to the United States**

Starting November 29, 2016, all Chinese travelers holding a 10-year US B1/B2, B1 or B2 visa must enroll in the Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS) prior to obtaining a boarding pass or entering through a land port of entry. EVUS is an online system to be used by Chinese travelers to periodically update their biographical and travel information.

The requirement arises as a result of an agreement between the United States and the People's Republic of China to issue 10-year visitor visas.

### **Impact on Travelers**

Chinese travelers who currently hold or are issued a 10-year B1/B2, B1 or B2 after November 29, 2016, will be required to enroll by completing an online form. The enrollment process is straight forward and involves the traveler answering some personal and travel-based questions. In most cases, travelers will receive a response within minutes and currently can complete enrollment free of charge.

Enrollment will be valid for two years or until the traveler's visa or passport expires, whichever comes first. Travelers will then be required to update their information prior to travelling to the United States again.

### **Need more info?**

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your immigration lawyer at Guberman Garson LLP (416 363 1234).