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*2109 11. Enhanced Security for SEVIS Credit Card Validation

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's) Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP) office has recently announced an enhancement to the SEVIS [FN52] I-901 (Fee Remittance for Certain F, J and M Nonimmigrants) fee-collection system effective September 24, 2006. This system enhancement will require that a credit card security code be entered prior to credit card authorization. The SEVP explains that the credit card security code is a three-or four-digit number that is printed after a credit card number either on the front or *2110 back of the credit card. This new credit card security function is intended to reduce potential credit card fraud.

Individuals with questions or those who require further assistance with the credit card security code function are asked to contact the I-901 Fee Case Resolution Unit by e-mailing fmjfee.sevis@dhs.gov.

[FN52]. SEVIS stands for Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, which is a Web-based system for maintaining information on international students and exchange visitors in the U.S. For more on SEVIS, see Burgess, "SEVIS: Is It Academic?" 04-02 Immigration Briefings 1 (Feb. 2004).

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