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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Capitol Hill, Saipan - The Department of Commerce wishes to announce the recent creation of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) for foreign investors, foreign retirees and foreign students. The FAQs may be accessed on Commerce's website at <http://www.commerce.gov.mp>.

After November 28, 2009, the extent of Commerce's role with respect to foreign investors, retirees and students is limited to monitoring for compliance all CNMI permits issued under Commerce through November 27, 2011.

CNMI permit holders under these three categories should note that they could convert to an appropriate U.S. Visa any time prior to the expiration of their CNMI permits.

For more information on the requirements of U.S. Visas regarding foreign investors and students, please visit the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or the U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement website <http://www.ice.gov> and follow the link to SEVP (Student and Exchange Visitor Program) <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/index.htm>

Please visit our website or give us a call us at 664-3018 for more information.

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