



Limits on Access to Asylum After Title 42: One Month of Monitoring U.S.-Mexico Border Ports of Entry



number of CBP One appointments increased at the start of June 2023.

who said that they were taken to the Esmeralda migration station in Tijuana and asked for 1,000 pesos (about 55 USD) to avoid deportation. Because lines and informal encampments formed in public spaces, members of the media and other individuals have photographed waiting asylum

The U.S. government should [rescind](#) the asylum ban regulation, including its counterproductive penalization of asylum seekers who attempt to request protection at ports of entry without CBP One appointments. People seeking asylum should not be subjected to turnbacks or other limits on requests for protection at ports of entry. This practice, known as “metering,” was declared by [illegal](#) by a U.S. federal court, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [mandated](#) that its officers “may not instruct [asylum seekers] that th

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- Since approximately May 24, 2023, the queue was self-organized. Previously, between May 13 and approximately May 24, 2023, FIDD (Private Security Company), managed the list of waiting asylum seekers; CBP informed FIDD when they would be processing individuals and how many and FIDD proceeded to call that number of individuals from the list.

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- Around May 20, 2023, the municipal agency established a system with QR codes to manage the line of waiting asylum seekers without CBP One appointments. Staff from the agency asked for asylum seekers' full names and telephone numbers and issued QR codes to the first 100 waiting asylum seekers in line, these codes are recycled and distributed to the next asylum seekers in line as individuals are processed. After the establishment of the QR code system, only about 20 asylum seekers without CBP One appointments were permitted to remain in the physical line near the POE.

notifies individuals in the waitlist when their turn is up to wait in the POE area. Once in the POE line, CBP officers inform those asylum seekers at the head of the line of the number of people without CBP One appointments to be processed at any given point.

As of June 12, 2023, the list maintained by was made up of approximately 300 individuals (with new arrivals being added). Monitors observed the Social Wellbeing Agency make determinations about who to place at the top of the list, a staff member from the Agency told a monitor that "there were two Russian nationals that recently arrived that we decided to put at the top of the list."

Monitors observed individuals in the "walk up" line who just recently received a CBP One Appointment. In reference to this, staff told a monitor: "I am telling them [asylum seekers] that if they are given a CBP One appointment and try to walk up [at a different time than their scheduled appointment], CBP won't take them."

Previously, between May 12 and May 20 2023, the queue outside the port was self-organized by asylum seekers without CBP One appointments.

In early June 2023, observers noted the presence of approximately 200 to 300 asylum seekers without CBP One appointments in a line waiting to access the Pedestrian East side of the San Ysidro port of entry. While the observers were present, Mexican authorities announced that if asylum seekers did not clear the area, the Mexican child protection service would arrive, which asylum seekers understood to be a threat to remove children 3(-)626(c)463.51 120.26 T6(Po).

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