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In view of the critical international situation, it has been found necessary to adopt a close supervision over aliens entering the United States. Various administrative changes in procedure have been placed in effect. Aliens desiring to come to the United States temporarily must establish a legitimate purpose or reasonable need for their presence in the United States and must establish that they will depart from the United States at the conclusion of their stay. They must present conclusive evidence that they will be admitted into the country of their nationality or some other foreign country to which they intend to return or proceed after departing from the United States. On and after July 1, 1940, all aliens, in addition to meeting other requirements, will be required to be in possession of passports or other documents of identity and nationality and have visas obtained from American consular officers abroad.

The exemption from passport and visa requirements previously extended to the following categories of persons entering the United States temporarily has been suspended, effective July 1, 1940 and on and after that date such persons will be subject to passport and visa requirements:

Citizens of Canada, Newfoundland, St. Pierre, Miquelon, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Bermuda, or of any British, French, or Netherland possession in the West Indies, domiciled therein, and to British subjects domiciled in Canada, Newfoundland, Bermuda, or any British possession in the West Indies, French citizens domiciled in St. Pierre or Miquelon or any French possession in the West Indies, and to Netherland subjects domiciled in any Netherland possession in the West Indies.

It is contemplated that different regulations will be established with respect to persons who have entered the United States for permanent residence on immigration visas and who may be returning from a temporary absence abroad.

The foregoing regulations relate only to aliens entering the United States and do not require any additional documentation of American citizens proceeding to or returning from the territories mentioned.
