

CWT info

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Entry requirements for travel to the USA:

From 1 August 2008, online registration now possible via the "ESTA" (Electronic System for Travel Authorization)

Dear Sir or Madam,

The system of compulsory registration prior to entering the USA announced by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will be introduced with effect from **12 January 2009**. The 27 countries affected are those involved in the USA Visa Waiver Program, including Austria, whose nationals do not need a visa to enter the USA. **Visitors to the USA must register their personal details and travel dates online at least 72 hours prior to departure.** These details correspond to those of the current Arrival Form I-94W.

The homepage <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> will be operational from **1 August 2008** for travelers to register online prior to travel. This compulsory registration process also applies to children, regardless of age, for whom evidence of independent ESTA approval and VWP authorization must be shown.

Even if registering in advance via the "ESTA" for travel prior to 12 January 2009, passengers must also fill out Arrival Form I-94W in the aircraft.

Further information about online registration prior to traveling to the USA is available under: www.dhs.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your CWT account manager.

Yours sincerely,

Your Carlson Wagonlit Travel Team

