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**Subject:** National Interest Exception

## \*EXTERNAL TO GT\*

Dear Callum James Dickson,

Please read to the end of this email.

We are pleased to inform you that your travel from the United Kingdom to the United States has now been approved. If you wish to travel form another country, please contact the U.S. Embassy there for further information and assistance on your proposed travel plans. This approval only applies to the applicant(s) named in this email. If you applied as part of a group with other applicants who are not listed here, they will receive a separate email with the outcome of their application in due course.

It is important to note that this approval applies only to your current purpose of travel. All National Interest Exceptions (NIE) are now valid for 12 months and multiple entries as long as you are traveling for the same purpose for which you originally received an NIE. You do not need to apply for a new NIE until after this exception expires. This approval is valid through September 8, 2022.

This is the only notification you will receive from the U.S. Embassy regarding this travel approval. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at U.S. ports of entry will verify your waiver through a U.S. government electronic database.

Please note, this does not affect the validity of your visa or ESTA itself.

When you travel, please follow the steps below:

- Do not attempt to check in for your flight online if you have an ESTA registration.
- Arrive early for your flight.
- Carry any documents that you believe demonstrate why you have been excepted from a travel restriction, such
  as the documents you submitted as part of this application, so that they are available if requested for
  review. Please note, we are unable to advise on what documents may be requested.
- Your status will be reviewed in consultation with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials. Please note that smaller airports may not have CBP officials on site.
- If applicable in your case, your ESTA will be reinstated in order to allow you to board.
- If your travel involves a layover in another country before onward travel to the U.S., you may wish to also contact the U.S. Embassy there. This approval only relates to travel between the United Kingdom and the United States.

Information about the status of ESTA registrations at this time is provided through the only <u>official ESTA website</u>. Please refer to the Travel Proclamation Help on the ESTA website for guidance.

In addition, please be aware that the final determination on every individual's eligibility for admission to the United States is made by U.S. Custom and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the Port of Entry. All travelers are required to establish their eligibility for admission and are subject to questioning.

Please note that this travel approval does not except you from observing U.S. government regulations related to COVID-19, including quarantine regulations and mandatory covid testing. If you have questions about these regulations, please review both the <u>CDC website</u> and the website of the Department of Health for the state to which you are traveling.

If you have questions about traveling overseas while UK travel restrictions remain in place, please check the UK government website at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus</a>. If you have further questions after reading that information, please contact the UK government directly using contact details provided on that website.



## Consular Information Unit U.S. Embassy, London CONS/CIU/NS

If you have a further question, please first check our website, including the <u>specific information for the type of visa you</u> <u>are applying for and our FAQs</u>. If your query is not answered there, you may reply to this email. Please include the entire email chain in any subsequent correspondence.

If your inquiry is answered on our website or in correspondence you have received from the Embassy by email or letter, you should not expect to receive a further response.

For information on current COVID testing requirements for travel to the United States from the United Kingdom, please see the <u>CDC website</u>.

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