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## §1101. Definitions

- (a) As used in this chapter-
- (1) The term "administrator" means the official designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to [section 1104\(b\) of this title](#).
- (2) The term "advocates" includes, but is not limited to, advises, recommends, furthers by overt act, and admits belief in.
- (3) The term "alien" means any person not a citizen or national of the United States.
- (4) The term "application for admission" has reference to the application for admission into the United States and not to the application for the issuance of an immigrant or nonimmigrant visa.
- (5) The term "Attorney General" means the Attorney General of the United States.
- (6) The term "border crossing identification card" means a document of identity bearing that designation issued to an alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or to an alien who is a resident in foreign contiguous territory, by a consular officer or an immigration officer for the purpose of crossing over the borders between the United States and foreign contiguous territory in accordance with such conditions for its issuance and use as may be prescribed by regulations. Such regulations shall provide that (A) each such document include a biometric identifier (such as the fingerprint or handprint of the alien) that is machine readable and (B) an alien presenting a border crossing identification card is not permitted to cross over the border into the United States unless the biometric identifier contained on the card matches the appropriate biometric