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TO: ICE Leadership  
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SUBJECT: **Terminology for Communications Materials and  
Internal and External Communications**

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This memorandum supersedes and rescinds the April 19, 2021, *Updated Terminology for Communications and Materials* memorandum from Acting Director Tae Johnson. Moving forward, for all communications materials and internal and external communications, ICE employees are directed to use the lexicon consistent with the Immigration and Nationality Act and the language historically used by the agency. Specifically, ICE will revert to its prior lexicon as follows:

**Terminology Changes**

<u>Previous</u>	<u>Current</u>
Noncitizen	Alien
Noncitizenship	Alienage
Undocumented Noncitizen or undocumented individual	Undocumented alien
Unaccompanied noncitizen children	Unaccompanied alien children

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