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**U.S. Immigration
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TO: ICE Leadership

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SUBJECT: **Updated Terminology for Communications
Materials and Internal and External Communications**

This memorandum updates the January 21, 2025, memorandum *Updated Terminology for Communications and Materials*. That memo instituted the following terminology changes:

<u>Previous</u>	<u>Updated</u>
Noncitizen	Alien
Noncitizenship	Alienage
Unaccompanied noncitizen children	Unaccompanied Alien Children

In addition to those changes, which remain in effect, ICE will adopt the following terminology for all communications materials and internal and external communications:

<u>Previous</u>	<u>Updated</u>
Undocumented Noncitizen; Undocumented Alien	Illegal alien <i>Note: ICE personnel may use the term "undocumented" when quoting language from a relevant statute or regulation.</i>
Special Interest Undocumented Individual	Special Interest Alien
International Student	Foreign Student
Asylum Seeker	Asylum Applicant

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