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TO: USAID/Iraq Contractors and Recipients (Implementing Partners)
FROM: Jerry Kryschal, Director, Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Iraq *JK*
Subject: Rescission of 2004 "Blanket" Waiver on Marking Requirements

Purpose:

The purpose of this notice is to inform all Implementing Partners that USAID/Iraq has rescinded the "blanket" waiver on marking requirements issued in 2004.

Background:

Since issuance in 2004 of the "blanket" waiver on marking requirements, the security situation in Iraq has been steadily improving. While the threat to USAID/Iraq's implementers of kidnapping and violence still remains in certain circumstances, the threat has been reduced significantly in others. Improved security conditions in Iraq have resulted in USAID/Iraq revisiting the issue of waived USAID-markings for, including but not limited to, vehicles, offices, and/or public reports.

Procedures:

All implementing partners are expected to be in full compliance with USAID branding and marking requirements as stated in the ADS Chapter 320 as they pertain to both contractual and cooperative agreements. ADS Chapter 320 is available on USAID's public website, www.usaid.gov/branding. ADS 320 is authorized by Section 641 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, which provides that "programs under this Act shall be identified appropriately overseas as "American Aid." Branding and marking requirements for assistance are also authorized by 22 CFR 226.91.

Please be advised that the Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) designated for your respective award is responsible for monitoring compliance with respect to USAID branding and marking requirements in accordance with the relevant provisions in your respective contract, grant (including cooperative agreement), or other funding mechanism; and taking appropriate action when an implementing partner initiates an action, such as requesting a waiver or a modification to a Marking Plan, in accordance with the terms of the award, or fails to comply with the branding and marking requirements in the award.

The waiving of USAID-required markings for implementers will be considered on a case-by-case basis with respect to operational factors that may or may not pose a security risk.

Requests for an individual waiver should be submitted in writing to the appropriate CTO and include an explanation of the security concerns that have generated the request, as well as a definition of what commodities, activity sites, and/or public communications will and will not be affected.