



Office of Foreign Missions



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History and Purpose



OFM was established in 1982 from the Foreign Missions Act

OFM is responsible for implementing the Secretary's mandate under the Foreign Missions Act (FMA) to facilitate secure and efficient operations of U.S. missions abroad, and of foreign missions and international organizations in the United States.





Our Mission: Four Main Objectives

Reciprocity

- Employing reciprocity to ensure equitable treatment for U.S. diplomatic and consular missions abroad

Regulation

- Regulating the activities of U.S.-based foreign missions in a manner that protects U.S. foreign policy and national security interests

Protection

- Protecting the U.S. public from abuses of privileges and immunities by members of foreign missions

Assistance

- Providing assistance to the U.S.-based foreign mission community to assure appropriate privileges, benefits, and services on a reciprocal basis

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Foreign Mission Presence in U.S. ?

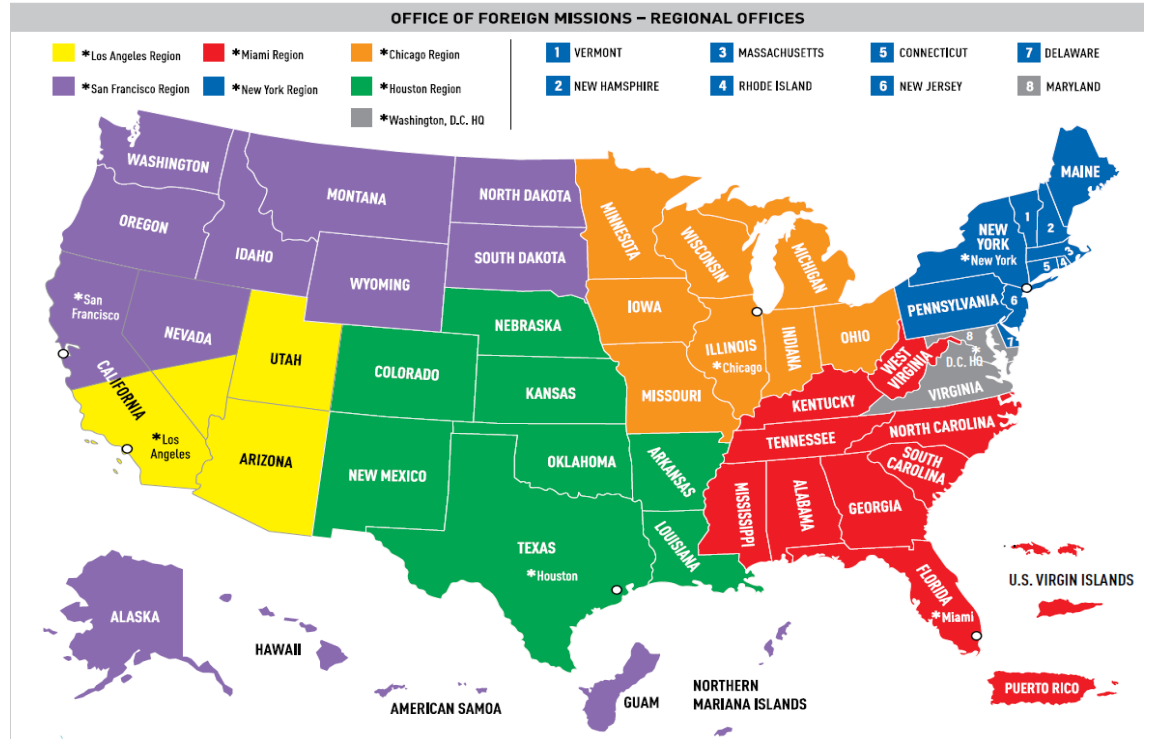
The United States currently hosts more than 2,600 foreign missions, collectively comprised of more than 122,000 members. Of that total, more than 62,000 are entitled to some level of diplomatic or consular immunities.





OFM Structure

- Washington, DC, HQ
- 6 regional offices:
 - Los Angeles
 - San Francisco
 - Miami
 - New York
 - Chicago
 - Houston



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OFM Interaction with States and Local Authority

Subnational
diplomacy

Travel Control

Election



Diplomatic Immunity

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Immunity does not mean pardon, total exoneration, or release from complying with the law.

Receiving state may protect its interests.

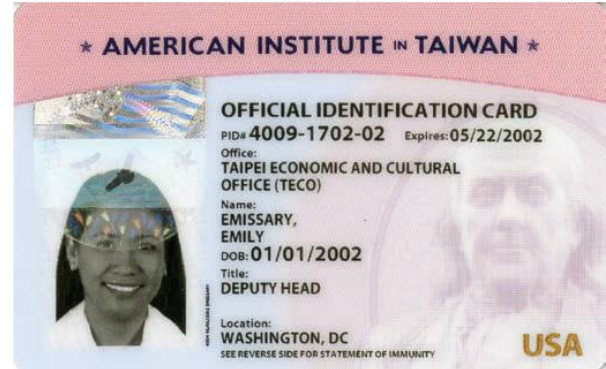
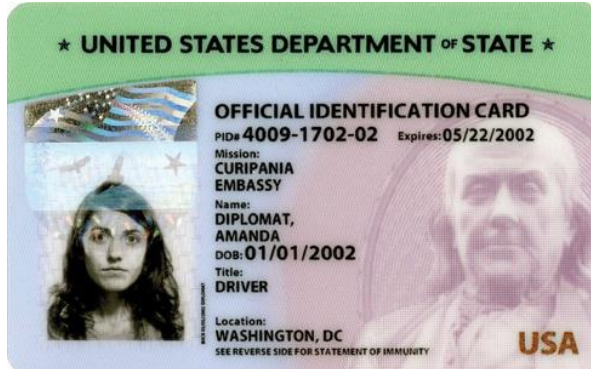
Regardless of immunity, citations/summonses can be issued to offenders...especially for traffic violations!

Diplomatic mechanisms exist for handling incidents when immunity prevents arrest and / or prosecution.

Concept of reciprocity.



Diplomatic and Consular Identification Cards

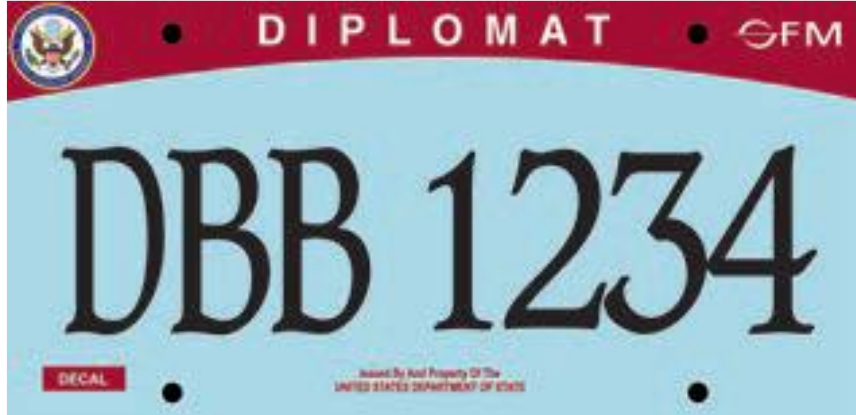


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Diplomatic and Consular License Plates



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For more information



Internet:

<https://www.state.gov/about-us-office-of-foreign-missions/>



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Thank you. Questions?

