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## Commissioner Bersin Departs CBP

### David V. Aguilar assumes role of Acting Commissioner

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**Washington** — Today, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan D. Bersin departs as the head of the agency charged with securing our nation's borders and facilitating legitimate trade and travel. Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar will serve as Acting Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Field Operations Thomas S. Winkowski will serve as Acting Deputy Commissioner.

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Alan D. Bersin departs as the head of CBP. Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar will serve as Acting Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Field Operations Thomas S. Winkowski will serve as Acting Deputy Commissioner.

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“As I depart CBP, I want to acknowledge the men and women of this agency whose dedication, expertise and tireless resolve empowered us to achieve unprecedented results on some of the nation’s most pressing challenges,” said Bersin.

“Commissioner Bersin’s vision and leadership guided CBP through a significant chapter in our agency’s history,” said Aguilar. “Today, we commit to building on the meaningful progress we’ve made as we move forward.”

As Acting Commissioner, Mr. Aguilar will serve as the agency’s chief executive, overseeing the operations of CBP’s 59,800-employee work force and manage an operating budget of \$11.5 billion. As Acting Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Winkowski will

serve as the agency’s Chief Operating Officer, overseeing daily operations.

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.*

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