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# New Changes to Asylum Laws

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President Trump issued a memo on Monday to the acting Secretary of Homeland Security outlining changes to the asylum admissions process. In a new Insight, AAF's Director of Immigration and Trade Policy Jacqueline Varas explains the president's policy guidance and its implications.

An excerpt:

The president's memo attempts to respond to the changing conditions at the border by discouraging illegitimate claims of asylum and accelerating the current adjudication process for asylum claims. In practice, it is unlikely to resolve these challenges.

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