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RM 10214.120 Understanding the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Initial Verification (IV) Matching Criteria

Depending on the document submitted, the response to a Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) initial verification (IV) request propagates the following:

- name,
- class of admission (COA) code,
- country,
- date of birth,
- date of entry,
- date admitted to,
- expiration date, and
- IV response message.

See details:

- [RM 10214.115](#) for an explanation of fields in the IV response
- [RM 10214.125](#) for an explanation of the IV response message

The Social Security Number Application Process (SSNAP) automatically compares the IV response with the information entered from the immigration document(s) to make a verified or not verified decision.

A. Matching criteria

The following table specifies which fields require a match and refers you to the appropriate reference when a discrepancy exists between the immigration document presented and the IV response:

Field	Is Match Required?	Reference
Name (last name, first name)	Yes (b) (7)(E)	RM 10214.120B.1 in this section

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Name (middle initial or middle name)	No	RM 10214.120B.1. in this section
COA Code	Yes	RM 10214.120B.2. in this section
Country	(b) (7)(E)	RM 10214.120B.3. in this section
Date of Birth	Yes	RM 10214.120B.4. in this section
Date of Entry	No	RM 10214.120B.5. in this section
Date Admitted To	No	RM 10214.120B.6. in this section
EAD Expiration Date	No	RM 10214.120B.7. in this section
DHS IV Response	Yes	RM 10214.125A

B. IV response does not match

If there is a discrepancy between any of the information on the IV response and the immigration document submitted, it does not necessarily imply that the applicant is not authorized to be in the United States (U.S.). It may be the result of a typographical error or indicate the need for additional or corrected documentation.

Compare SSNAP entries to the immigration document to ensure there are no typos. If necessary, correct any of the data you entered and submit a new IV request. If all the data you entered is correct, request an additional verification (AV) following instructions in section [RM 10214.150](#).

1. Name discrepancy

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IMPORTANT: SSNAP does not consider the middle name shown on the immigration document and the middle initial shown on the IV response a discrepancy requiring an AV, since the Social Security Administration (SSA) does not consider the middle name part of a person's legal name. For SSA's definition of the legal name, see [RM 10212.001](#).

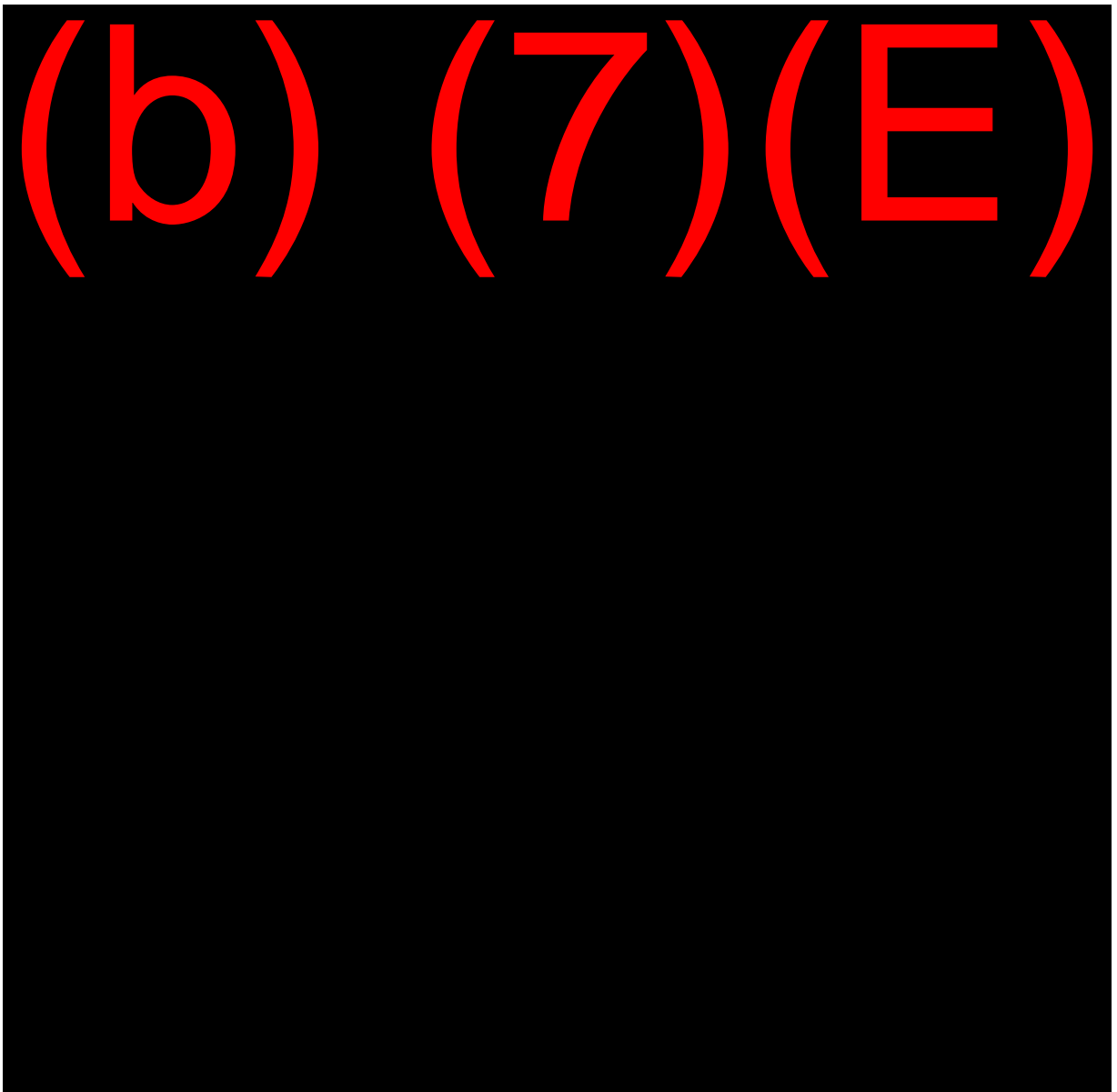
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2. COA Code discrepancy

SSNAP automatically verifies the “COA Code” on the immigration document when required. If the COA on the IV response does not agree with the COA shown on the non-immigrant evidence (commonly the I-94), request an AV following [RM 10214.150](#).

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See also:

- [RM 10214.115D](#) for information on the “COA Code” response field.
- [RM 10214.125A](#) for interpretation of the IV response message.
- [RM 10214.130](#) for a list of common COA codes.

3. Country discrepancy

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4. **Date of Birth discrepancy** SSNAP requires an exact match on the “Date of Birth” field. If the date of birth on the IV response does not agree with the date of birth on the immigration document presented, request an AV following [RM 10214.150](#).

NOTE: Some applicants may show the date of birth on the application in DDMMYYYY format because that is the way their country, or culture, records dates. Occasionally, the month and day characters may be transposed in the DHS electronic record, or are shown in the DHS electronic record, in DDMMYYYY format. If this appears to be the situation, request an AV in accordance with [RM 10214.150](#). There is no tolerance for these situations.

Date of Entry discrepancy

5. SSNAP does not attempt to verify this field.

Date Admitted To discrepancy

6. SSNAP does not attempt to verify this field.

EAD Expiration Date discrepancy

7. SSNAP does not attempt to verify this field.

DHS IV response

8. SSNAP requires an exact match on the IV response message. See [RM 10214.125](#).

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