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TURKMENISTAN AMONG NATIONS TARGETED IN NEW U.S. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND BANS

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Citizens from Turkmenistan face restrictions on travel to the United States under an order signed by President Donald Trump that bans or curbs the entry of nationals from 19 countries.

Trump said in a statement released by the White House on Wednesday that the order, which takes effect on June 9, aims to protect national security and prevent people from overstaying their visas in the United States. The measure resembles an effort in Trumps first term as president to tighten control of the influx of foreign nationals, prompting court challenges and criticism that such sweeping policies are discriminatory.

Many of these countries have also taken advantage of the United States in their exploitation of our visa system and their historic failure to accept back their removable nationals, said Trump, who has cracked down on immigration since his second term began in January.

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