

expected to provide background information about the company and jobs being offered, as well as reports on participants' work experience once involved in the program. Participants will need to provide background/resume information, a photograph, and tracking information during pre-departure training.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

**Matthias Mitman,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4950]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-1504, Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise, OMB Control Number 1405-0104

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments and submission to OMB of proposed collection information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0104.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, Diplomatic Tax and Customs Program, DS/OFM/VTC/TC.
- *Form Number:* DS-1504.
- *Respondents:* Eligible foreign diplomatic or consular missions, certain foreign government organizations, and designated international organizations.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* Approximately 13,700.
- *Average Hours per Response:* Fifteen minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 3,425 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation To Respond:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**DATE(S):** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from February 7, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct Comments and questions to Alex Hunt, the State Department Desk Officer in Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at (202) 395-7860. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [ahunt@omb.eop.gov](mailto:ahunt@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* OIRA State Department Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- *Fax:* (202) 395-6974.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Ms. Irina Kaufman, DS/OFM/VTC, 3507 International Place, NW., U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC, 20008, who may be reached on (202) 895-3683, or by e-mail at [kaufmani@state.gov](mailto:kaufmani@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* Exemption from customs duties is a privilege enjoyed by foreign diplomatic and consular personnel on assignment in the United States under the provisions of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations and the terms of various bilateral agreements. Under the Foreign Missions Act of 1982 (as amended), 22 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*, the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) is given the authority to grant privileges and benefits, based on reciprocity. The application form DS-1504, "Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise" provides OFM with the necessary information to provide and administer the benefit effectively and efficiently.

*Methodology:* The collected information is used by the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) in determining the eligibility of foreign diplomatic and

consular missions and personnel for exemption from duties otherwise imposed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on imported goods. In some cases, the reciprocal relationship between the United States and other nations requires that some type of duty or restriction on importation be imposed. The information on this form provides the basis upon which to determine, in cooperation with CBP, the proper handling of diplomatic shipments.

Dated: December 2, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4949]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data, OMB Control Number 1405-0102

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Refugee Biographic Data.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0102.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, PRM/A.
- *Form Number:* N/A.
- *Respondents:* Refugee applicants for the U.S. Resettlement Program.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 70,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 70,000.
- *Average Hours per Response:* One-half hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 35,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.
- *Obligation To Respond:* Required To Obtain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from January 6, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Alex Hunt, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at