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- Mail: Department of State, Pickering Program Office, 2401 E Street, NW., SA-1, RmH518, Washington, DC 20522.
- Fax: 202-261-8841 Attn: Pickering Program.
- Persons with access to the internet may also view this notice and provide comments by going to the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm) Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Stedman Howard, Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., 5H, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202-261-8950.

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

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

*Abstract:* The Department of State collects this information to identify qualified candidates for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Program.

*Methodology:* Applications are accepted online.

Dated: March 24, 2008.

**Ruben Torres,**

*U.S. Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 6167]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status; Form DS-2019, OMB No. 1405-0119**

**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:* Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0119.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Office of Exchange Coordination & Designation, ECA/EC.

• *Form Number:* Form DS-2019.

• *Respondents:* U.S. Department of State Designated Sponsors.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1460.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 350,000 annually.

• *Average Hours per Response:* 45 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 262,500 hours.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from April 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- Fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Stanley S. Colvin, Director, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 734, Washington, DC 20547; or email at [jexchanges@state.gov](mailto:jexchanges@state.gov).

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

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform 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.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

The collection is the continuation of information collected and needed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in administering the Exchange Visitor Program (J-Visa) under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended. The form has been revised to update the duration of program participation and the addition of a new category of Intern for which regulations are in place.

**Methodology**

Access to Form DS-2019 is made available to Department designated sponsors electronically via the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

**Methodology**

Dated: March 25, 2008.

**Stanley S. Colvin,**

*Director, Office of Exchange Coordination & Designation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 6166]

**Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Horse"**

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "The Horse", imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, from on or about May 17, 2008, until on or about January 4, 2009; at the Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois, from on or about February 11, 2011, until on or about July 4, 2011; at

the San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, California, from on or about April 1, 2012, until on or about September 30, 2012; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Richard Lahne, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8058). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 6112]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meetings**

Three subcommittees of the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will be holding public meetings in April 2008. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. Details for each meeting are provided in this notice.

**I. Ship Design and Equipment**

The SHC's Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2008, in Room 6103 of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to present the outcome of the 51st Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) which was held February 18-22, 2008 in Bonn, Germany. For a list of the issues discussed at DE 51, see Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meetings, 73 FR 1394 (January 8, 2008). Preparations for the 52nd Session of DE will also be discussed. DE 52 is scheduled to be held at the IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from March 16 to March 20, 2009.

Copies of documents associated with DE 51 will be available at the April 25th SHC meeting. To request further copies

of documents please write to the address provided below. Interested persons may also seek information by writing to Mr. Wayne Lundy, Commandant (CG-5213), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1300, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1379.

**II. Safety of Life at Sea; IMO Maritime Safety Committee**

The SHC's Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 in Room 2415, at USCG Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize preparations for the 84th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) which is scheduled for May 7 to May 16, 2008 in London, United Kingdom. At the April 30th SHC meeting, papers received and the draft U.S. positions for MSC 84 will be discussed. MSC 84 agenda items include:

- Adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- Measures to enhance maritime security;
- Goal-based new ship construction standards;
- Long range identification and tracking (LRIT) related matters;
- General cargo ship safety;
- Role of the human element;
- Formal safety assessment;
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships; and
- Reports of six IMO Sub-committees: Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC); Training and Watchkeeping (STW); Fire Protection (FP); Ship Design and Equipment (DE); Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG); and Safety of Navigation (NAV).

Interested persons may seek additional information by writing to LCDR Jason Smith, Commandant (CG-5212), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1218, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1376.

**III. Stability, Load Lines and Fishing Vessel Safety**

The SHC's Subcommittee on Stability, Load Lines and Fishing Vessel Safety will conduct an open meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, in Room 6103 of the USCG Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 51st Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London,

United Kingdom from July 14 to July 18, 2008. The primary matters to be considered include:

- Development of explanatory notes for harmonized SOLAS Chapter II-1;
- Revision of the Intact Stability Code;
- Safety of small fishing vessels;
- Development of options to improve effect on ship design and safety of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement, 1969;
- Review of guidelines for uniform operating limitations on high-speed craft;
- Time-dependent survivability of passenger ships in damaged condition;
- Guidance on the impact of open watertight doors on existing and new ship survivability;
- Stability and seakeeping characteristics of damaged passenger ships in a seaway when returning to port by own power or under tow;
- Guidelines for drainage systems on ro-ro decks; and
- Damage stability verification of tank vessels and bulk carriers.

Interested persons may seek additional information by writing to Mr. Paul Cojeen, Commandant (CG-5212), USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1372.

Dated: April 1, 2008.

**Mark Skolnicki,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 6111]

**Renewal of the Charter of the United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee**

**SUMMARY:** The Charter of the United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) has been renewed for an additional two years.

ITAC was established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act under the general authority of the Secretary of State and the Department of State as set forth in Title 22, sections 2656 and 2707, of the United States Code. The purpose of the ITAC is to advise the Department of State with respect to, and provide strategic planning recommendations on, telecommunication and information policy matters related to the United States' participation in the work of the