

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Frank Venson McCoy, Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Overseas Employment, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 who may be reached on 703-820-5155 or at mccoyfv@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 DS-0174, Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member, is needed to meet information collection requirements for recruitments conducted at approximately 170 U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world. Current employment application forms do not meet the unique requirements of Mission recruitment (e.g., language skills and hiring preferences) under the FS Act of 1980 and 22 U.S.C. 2669. The DS-0174 is needed to improve data gathering and to clarify interpretation of candidate responses.

Methodology

Candidates for employment use the DS-0174 to apply for Mission-advertised positions throughout the world. Mission recruitments generate approximately 40,000 applications per year. Data that HR and hiring officials extract from the DS-0174 determine eligibility for employment, qualifications for the position, and selections according to Federal policies.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

Ruben Torres,

Director, HR/EX, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6764]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Falnama: The Book of Omens"

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 in the exhibition: "Falnama: The Book of Omens," 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 Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, from on or about October 24, 2009, until on or about January 24, 2010, 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 Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, 2200 C Street, NW., Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: September 11, 2009.

Maura M. Pally,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Initiation of a Review To Consider the Designation of the Republic of Maldives as a Beneficiary Developing Country Under the GSP

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initiation of a review to consider designating the Republic of Maldives as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP program, and solicits public comments on whether Maldives meets the eligibility criteria for designation as a beneficiary developing country. Comments are due by Friday, October 16, 2009, and must be submitted in accordance with the requirements set out below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tameka Cooper, GSP Program, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971, the fax number is (202) 395-2961, and the e-mail address is Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be made available for public viewing in docket USTR-2009-0030 at <http://www.regulations.gov> upon completion of processing and no later than approximately two weeks after the due date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maldives' GSP eligibility was suspended in 1995 because, following a review by the Trade Policy Staff Committee, it was determined that Maldives had not taken and was not taking steps to afford internationally recognized worker rights to workers in Maldives. The review was initiated in 1993 in response to a petition filed by the AFL-CIO.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the eligibility of the Republic of Maldives for designation as a GSP beneficiary developing country. Documents should be submitted in accordance with the below instructions to be considered in this review.

Eligibility Criteria

The trade benefits of the GSP program are available to any country that the President designates as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP program. In designating countries as beneficiary developing countries, the President must consider the criteria in sections 502(b) and 502(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and 2462(c)) (the "Act").

Section 502(b)(2) provides that, in determining whether to designate any country as a GSP beneficiary developing country, the President shall not designate any country a beneficiary developing country if any of the following applies: