

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: The export, temporary import, temporary export and brokering of defense articles, defense services and related technical data are licensed by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls in accordance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR parts 120–130) and Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act. Those of the public who manufacture or export defense articles, defense services, and related technical data, or the brokering thereof, must register with the Department of State. Persons desiring to engage in brokering activities must submit an application or written request to conduct the transaction to the Department to obtain a decision whether it is in the interests of U.S. foreign policy and national security to approve the transaction. Also, registered brokers must submit annual reports regarding all brokering activity that was transacted, and registered manufacturers and exporter must maintain records of defense trade activities for five years.

Methodology: These forms/information collections may be sent to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls via the following methods: mail or personal delivery.

Dated: March 25, 2012.

Robert S. Kovac,

Managing Director of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7840]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS–3097, Exchange Visitor Program Annual Report, OMB Control Number 1405–0151

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:** Exchange Visitor Program Annual Report.
- **OMB Control Number:** 1405–0151.
- **Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- **Originating Office:** Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Designation, ECA/EC/D/PS.

- **Form Number:** Form DS–3097.
- **Respondents:** designated J–1 program sponsors.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1435.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 1435 annually.
- **Average Hours per Response:** 2 hours.
- **Total Estimated Burden:** 2870 hours.
- **Frequency:** Annually.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Mandatory.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from April 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- **Email:** oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- **Fax:** 202–395–5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Robin J. Lerner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, Department of State, SA–5, Floor 5, 2200 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20522–0505, who may be reached on (202) 632–2805, fax at 202–632–2701 or email at 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

Annual reports from designated program sponsors assist the Department in oversight and administration of the J–1 visa program. The reports provide statistical data on the number of exchange participants an organization sponsored per category of exchange. The reports also provide a summary of the

activities in which exchange visitors were engaged and an evaluation of program effectiveness. Program sponsors include government agencies, academic institutions, and private sector not-for-profit and for-profit entities.

Methodology

Annual reports are completed through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and then printed and signed by a sponsor official, and sent to the Department by mail or fax. The Department is currently working with the Department of Homeland Security to expand SEVIS functions and enable the collection of electronic signatures. Annual reports will be submitted to the Department electronically as soon as the mechanism for doing so is approved and in place during the implementation of SEVIS II.

Dated: March 26, 2012.

Robin J. Lerner,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7839]

Secretary of State's Determination Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State designation of “countries of particular concern” for religious freedom violations.

Pursuant to Section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–292), as amended (the Act), notice is hereby given that, on August 18, 2011, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as a “country of particular concern” (CPC) under section 402(b) of the Act, for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Uzbekistan.

The Secretary simultaneously designated the following Presidential actions for these CPCs:

For Burma, the existing ongoing arms embargo referenced in 22 CFR 126.1(a), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For China, the existing ongoing restrictions on exports of crime control and detection instruments and equipment, under Public Law 101–246 and the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1990 and 1991, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Eritrea, the existing ongoing arms embargo referenced in 22 CFR 126.1(a), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Iran, the existing ongoing restrictions on certain imports from and exports to Iran, in accordance with section 103(b) of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-195), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For North Korea, the existing ongoing restrictions to which North Korea is subject, pursuant to sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Jackson-Vanik Amendment), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Saudi Arabia, a waiver to "further the purposes of the Act," pursuant to section 407 of the Act;

For Sudan, the restriction on making certain appropriated funds available for assistance to the Government of Sudan in the annual Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, currently set forth in section 7070(f) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Div. F, Pub. L. 111-117), as carried forward by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Div. B, Pub. L. 112-10) and any provision of law that is the same or substantially the same as this provision, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act; and

For Uzbekistan, a waiver to "further the purposes of the Act," pursuant to section 407 of the Act.

Dated: March 30, 2012.

Victoria Alvarado,

Office Director, Office of International Religious Freedom, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

29th Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 206, Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of meeting RTCA Special Committee 206, Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the twenty-ninth meeting of RTCA Special Committee

206, Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 23-27, 2012, from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 206. The agenda will include the following:

April 23, 2012—Opening Plenary

- Chairmen's remarks and host's comments.
- Introductions.
- Approval of previous meeting minutes.
- Review and approve meeting agenda.
- SAA-to-SWIM-to-Flightdeck Connectivity Presentation.
- Notional MET Downlink to State Data Sources Presentation.
- SC-206 Related Work in SESAR—Progress Status.
- Discuss previously proposed TOR changes and DO-252 Revision.
 - Discuss TOR changes for the June PMC meeting.
- PMC decision on OSED document.
- ConUse FRAC resolution.

April 24, 2012

- ConUse FRAC resolution.

April 25, 2012

- ConUse FRAC resolution.
- ConUse FRAC resolution or SG1, SG2, and SG3 meetings.

April 26, 2012

- SG1, SG2, and SG3 meetings.
- Note: If needed, ConUse FRAC resolution could roll over into Thursday, which will delay the start of SG meetings.

April 27, 2012—Closing Plenary

- Sub-Group 1 report.
- Sub-Group 2 report.
- Sub-Group 3 report.
- Discussion on setting up the MASPS Sub-Group (#4) and a preliminary roadmap.
 - Action item review.
 - Future meeting plans and dates.
 - Decision to approve the ConUse document for release to the PMC.

- Agree upon TOR changes for June PMC meeting.

- Other business.
- Adjourn—1 p.m.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 29, 2012.

John Raper,

Manager, Business Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Seventh Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Batteries and Battery Systems, Small and Medium Size

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Batteries and Battery Systems, Small and Medium Size.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the seventh meeting of RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Batteries and Battery Systems, Small and Medium Size.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 1-3, 2012, from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street, NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 225. The agenda will include the following:

May 1, 2012

- Introductions and administrative items.