

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7887]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-1884, Petition To Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employee or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad, OMB 1405-0082**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Petition to Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an employee or former employee of the U.S. Government Abroad.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0082.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.
- *Form Number:* DS-1884.
- *Respondents:* Aliens petitioning for immigrant visas under INA 203(b)(4).

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 300.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 50 hours.

- *Frequency:* Once per petition.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may view and comment on this notice by going to the Federal regulations Web site at www.regulations.gov. You can search for the document by: Selecting "Notice" under Document Type, entering the Public Notice number as the "Keyword or ID", checking the "Open for Comment" box, and then click "Search". If necessary, use the "Narrow by Agency" option on the Results page.

- *Mail (paper, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services—DS-1884, 2401 E Street NW., Washington DC 20520-30106.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection

title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 Sydney Taylor of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street NW., L-630, Washington, DC who may be reached at taylors2@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:

DS-1884 solicits information from petitioners for special immigrant classification under Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. An alien is classifiable as a special immigrant under Section 203(b)(4) if they meet the statutory qualifications in INA Section 101(a)(27)(D). A petitioner may apply within one year of notification by the Department of State that the Secretary has approved a recommendation that special immigrant status be accorded to the alien. DS-1884 solicits information that will assist the consular officer in ensuring that the petitioner is statutorily qualified to receive such status, including meeting the years of service and exceptional service requirements.

Methodology:

This form can be obtained from posts abroad or through the Department's eForms intranet site. The application available through eForms allows the applicant to complete the application online and then print the application. Most applicants are current federal government employees abroad and have access to the intranet system. Once the form is printed, it is submitted to post.

Dated: April 27, 2012.

David T. Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7884]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-261, Electronic Choice of Address and Agent, OMB Control Number 1405-0186

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:*

Electronic Choice of Address and Agent.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0186.

- *Type of Request:* Extension.

- *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.

- *Form Number:* DS-261.

- *Respondents:* Immigrant

beneficiaries requesting change of address or designation of an authorized agent.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 700,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 700,000.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 116,666.

- *Frequency:* Once per Respondent.

- *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 May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please 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 Sydney Taylor, Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at taylors2@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-261 allows the beneficiary of an approved immigrant visa petition to provide the Department with his current address, which will be used for communications with the beneficiary. The DS-261 also allows the beneficiary to appoint an agent to receive communications relevant to the beneficiary's visa application from the National Visa Center (NVC) and assist in the filing of various application forms and/or paying the required fees. The beneficiary is not required to use an agent. The NVC can contact them directly. If the beneficiary chooses to serve as their own agent and have the NVC contact them directly, they will need to provide the NVC with their current contact information. All cases will be held at NVC until the DS-261 is electronically submitted to the Department.

Methodology

Applicants will submit the DS-261 electronically to the Department via the internet. Applicants who submit the electronic form will no longer submit paper-based applications to the Department.

Dated: May 4, 2012.

David Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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[Public Notice 7888]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Unearthed: Recent Archeological Discoveries From Northern China"

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, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000

(and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Unearthed: Recent Archeological Discoveries from Northern China," 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 Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts, from on or about June 15, 2012 until on or about October 21, 2012, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/DP, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: May 9, 2012.

J. Adam Erel,

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

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[Public Notice 7886]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in Room 51222 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifty-eighth Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, July 2 to 6, 2012.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Routeing of ships, ship reporting and related matters

- Amendments to the General Provisions on Ships' Routeing (resolution A.572(14), as amended)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters, including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group matters
- Development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan
- Development of policy and new symbols for Automatic Identification System (AIS) aids to navigation
- Casualty analysis
- Consideration of International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) unified interpretations
- Development of performance standards for inclinometers
- Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for NAV 59
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2013
- Any other business
- Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. George H. Detweiler, Jr., by email at George.H.Detweiler@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1566, by fax at (202) 372-1991, or in writing at Commandant (CG-NAV-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Stop 7580, Washington, DC 20593-7580 not later than May 30, 2012, 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after May 30, 2012, might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: May 7, 2012.

Brian Robinson,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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