

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health And Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; Consortium on Pediatric Trauma.

*Date:* December 9, 2015.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Joanna Kubler-Kielb, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 5B01, Bethesda, MD 20892-9304, (301) 435-6916, [kielbj@mail.nih.gov](mailto:kielbj@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 12, 2015.

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Special Emphasis Panel, Concept Clearance for the concept titled: Systematic Review in Neonatal Medicine.

*Date:* December 10, 2015.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Sathasiva B. Kandasamy, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 5B01, Bethesda, MD 20892-9304, (301) 435-6680, [skandasa@mail.nih.gov](mailto:skandasa@mail.nih.gov).

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amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research.

*Date:* December 7-8, 2015.

*Time:* December 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* NCMRR report and NICHD report; NICHD Training review; Database archive; Research priorities in rehabilitation; National Strategy in Pain Research.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Time:* December 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* NIH Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Spinal cord research.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Ralph M. Nitkin, Ph.D., Deputy Director, National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR), Director, Biological Sciences and Career Development Program, NCMRR, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, DHHS, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 2A03, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510, (301) 402-4206, [rn21e@nih.gov](mailto:rn21e@nih.gov).

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/advisory/nabmrr/Pages/index.aspx> where the current roster and minutes from past meetings are posted.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[Docket No. DHS-2011-0108]

RIN 1601-ZA11

**Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H-2A and H-2B Nonimmigrant Worker Programs**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.

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Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may approve petitions for H-2A and H-2B nonimmigrant status only for nationals of countries<sup>1</sup> that the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has designated by notice published in the **Federal Register**. That notice must be renewed each year. This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is identifying 84 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A program and 83 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2B program for the coming year.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective January 18, 2016, and shall be without effect at the end of one year after January 18, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy Simmons, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 447-4216.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background: Generally, USCIS may approve H-2A and H-2B petitions for nationals of only those countries that the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has designated as participating countries. Such designation must be published as a notice in the **Federal Register** and expires after one year. USCIS, however, may allow a national from a country not on the list to be named as a beneficiary of an H-2A or H-2B petition based on a determination that such participation is in the U.S. interest. See 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E).

In designating countries to include on the list, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, will take into account factors including, but not limited to: (1) The country's cooperation with respect to issuance of travel documents for

citizens, subjects, nationals, and residents of that country who are subject to a final order of removal; (2) the number of final and unexecuted orders of removal against citizens, subjects, nationals, and residents of that country; (3) the number of orders of removal executed against citizens, subjects, nationals, and residents of that country; and (4) such other factors as may serve the U.S. interest. See 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(1)(i) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(1). Examples of factors serving the U.S. interest that could result in the non-inclusion of a country or the removal of a country from the list include, but are not limited to, fraud, abuse, and non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the H-2 programs by nationals of that country.

In December 2008, DHS published in the **Federal Register** two notices, "Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H-2A Visa Program," and "Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H-2B Visa Program," which designated 28 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs. See 73 FR 77043 (Dec. 18, 2008); 73 FR 77729 (Dec. 19, 2008). The notices ceased to have effect on January 17, 2010 and January 18, 2010, respectively. See 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(2) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(3). In implementing these regulatory provisions, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has published a series of notices on a regular basis. See 75 FR 2879 (Jan. 19, 2010) (adding 11 countries); 76 FR 2915 (Jan. 18, 2011) (removing Indonesia and adding 15 countries); 77 FR 2558 (Jan. 18, 2012) (adding 5 countries); 78 FR 4154 (Jan. 18, 2013) (adding 1 country); 79 FR 3214 (Jan. 17, 2014) (adding 4 countries); 79 FR 74735 (Dec. 16, 2014) (adding 5 countries).

The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that 67 countries previously designated in the December 16, 2014 notice continue to meet the standards identified in that notice for eligible countries and therefore should remain designated as countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in both the H-2A and H-2B programs. The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, however, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that Moldova should no longer continue to be designated as an eligible country to participate in the H-2B program because Moldova is not meeting the standards set out in the regulation for the H-2B program participation. See 8

CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(1). Specifically, DHS and the Department of State have found that there is a high occurrence of failure to comply with the terms of the H-2B visa among H-2B visa holders from Moldova. Moldova continues to meet the standards set out in the regulation in regard to its participation in the H-2A program; therefore, this determination does not affect participation of nationals of Moldova in the H-2A program. Accordingly, Moldova remains on the list of eligible countries for the H-2A program, but DHS has removed Moldova from the list of eligible countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2B program.

Further, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has determined that it is now appropriate to add 16 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs. This determination is made taking into account the four regulatory factors identified above. The Secretary of Homeland Security also considered other pertinent factors including, but not limited to, evidence of past usage of the H-2A and H-2B programs by nationals of the country to be added, as well as evidence relating to the economic impact on particular U.S. industries or regions resulting from the addition or continued non-inclusion of specific countries. In consideration of all of the above, this notice designates for the first time Andorra, Belgium, Brunei, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, San Marino, Singapore, Taiwan, and Timor-Leste as countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs.

**Designation of Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H-2A and H-2B Nonimmigrant Worker Programs**

Pursuant to the authority provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security under sections 214(a)(1), 215(a)(1), and 241 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(a)(1), 1185(a)(1), and 1231), I am designating, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, nationals from the following countries to be eligible to participate in the H-2A nonimmigrant worker program:

Andorra  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Barbados  
Belgium  
Belize  
Brazil

<sup>1</sup> With respect to all references to "country" or "countries" in this document, it should be noted that the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Public Law 96-8, Section 4(b)(1), provides that "[w]henver the laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan." 22 U.S.C. § 3303(b)(1). Accordingly, all references to "country" or "countries" in the regulations governing whether nationals of a country are eligible for H-2 program participation, 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(1)(i) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(1), are read to include Taiwan. This is consistent with the United States' one-China policy, under which the United States has maintained unofficial relations with Taiwan since 1979.

Brunei  
Bulgaria  
Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Grenada  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Kiribati  
Latvia  
Lichtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macedonia  
Madagascar  
Malta  
Mexico  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Nauru  
The Netherlands  
Nicaragua  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Peru  
The Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Samoa  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
South Africa  
South Korea  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste

Tonga  
Turkey  
Tuvalu  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom  
Uruguay  
Vanuatu

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Andorra  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Barbados  
Belgium  
Belize  
Brazil  
Brunei  
Bulgaria  
Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Grenada  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Kiribati  
Latvia  
Lichtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macedonia  
Madagascar  
Malta  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Nauru  
The Netherlands  
Nicaragua

New Zealand  
Norway  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Peru  
The Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Samoa  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
South Africa  
South Korea  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Tonga  
Turkey  
Tuvalu  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom  
Uruguay  
Vanuatu

This notice does not affect the status of aliens who currently hold valid H-2A or H-2B nonimmigrant status. Persons currently holding such status, however, will be affected by this notice should they seek an extension of stay in H-2 classification, or a change of status from one H-2 status to another. Similarly, persons holding nonimmigrant status other than H-2 status are not affected by this notice unless they seek a change of status to H-2 status.

Nothing in this notice limits the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security or his or her designee or any other federal agency to invoke against any foreign country or its nationals any other remedy, penalty, or enforcement action available by law.

**Jeh Charles Johnson,**  
*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Office of the Secretary**

**[Docket No. DHS-2015-0073]**

### **Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Customs and Border Protection—021 Arrival and Departure Information System**

**AGENCY:** Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security.