

*Estimated number of respondents*—10,000.

*Average hours per response*—0.5.

*Total estimated burden hours*—5,000.

44 U.S.C. 3405(h) does not apply.

*Additional Information or Comments:*

Copies of the proposed forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Charles S. Cunningham (202) 647-0596. Comments and questions should be directed to (OMB) Jefferson Hill (202) 395-3176.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Patrick F. Kennedy,

*Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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**[Public Notice No. 2432]**

**State Department Advisory Committee Study Group Meeting on Cross-Border Insolvency**

The Study Group on Cross-Border Insolvency of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) will hold its next meeting on Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Houston, Texas, to review international efforts to harmonize rules on cross-border insolvency cases involving commercial entities.

The meeting will review draft United Nations rules for procedural aspects of cross-border insolvency, as set out in the recent Report of the U.N.

Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group on Insolvency Law, which met for the second time in April 1996 (U.N. Doc. A/CN.9/422, April 25, 1996). No decision has been made as to the form the proposed rules should take, i.e. whether to prepare UN guidelines, a UN model law, or a multilateral treaty.

The Advisory Committee Study Group meeting will provide guidance for possible United States positions for the next meeting of the UNCITRAL intergovernmental Working Group in October 1996, and consider other possible United States initiatives as well.

UNCITRAL decided at its Plenary session in May, 1995 to work primarily on procedural, rather than substantive, rules. Based on the Report referenced above, this is likely to cover judicial cooperation; jurisdiction; access to proceedings for foreign representatives; the relationship between primary and other proceedings; the scope and effect of a possible stay; the scope of "national treatment"; and related matters.

Other procedural concerns may be taken up at this stage in the U.N.

process, depending on the interests of participating countries. Future issues, such as substantive law involving priorities of claims, distribution, discharge etc., might possibly be considered at a later stage, after an assessment of the current focus on procedural matters.

The effects of the UNCITRAL project generally on U.S. interests, and its impact on facilitation of commerce and trade will be considered, as well as its relationship to the work of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission. Current projects by other organizations will also be referred to, including the American Law Institute's project exploring possible harmonization of bankruptcy law between the NAFTA states, the International Bar Association's Concordat, the recent European Union proposed treaty on cross-border insolvency, as well as work by the International Association of Insolvency Practitioners (INSOL), the American Bankruptcy Institute, and others.

Background documents include the Report of the first UNCITRAL Working Group (UN Doc. A/CN.9/419, Dec. 1, 1995) and a Report by INSOL on the Joint Project of UNCITRAL and INSOL, March 1, 1995. Copies of these documents, as well as the IBA and European Union documents referred to, are available from the Legal Adviser's Office at the address indicated below.

The meeting will be held in Houston at the Chevron Tower, 51st floor conference room, 1301 McKinney Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room and subject to the rulings of the Chair. Since space may be limited, persons wishing to attend should advise either John Barrett at (713) 651-5202 or 8223, fax 651-5246, or Ms. Gonzales of the Office of Legal Adviser (L/PIL) at (202) 776-8420, or fax (202) 776-8482.

Persons who cannot attend the meeting are welcome to submit comments to the Legal Adviser's Office, L/PIL Suite 355 South Building, 2430 "E" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-2800, or by fax to (202) 776-8482. For further information on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law or this project, please contact Harold S. Burman, Advisory Committee Executive Director, at the above address or fax number.

Peter H. Pfund,

*Assistant Legal Adviser and Advisory Committee Co-Chair.*

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**Office of the Secretary**

**[Public Notice 2429]**

**Extension of the Restriction on the Use of United States Passports for Travel To, In, or Through Lebanon**

On January 26, 1987, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.73(a)(3), all United States passports, with the exception of passports of immediate family members of hostages in Lebanon, were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through Lebanon unless specifically validated for such travel. This action was taken because the situation in Lebanon was such that American citizens there could not be considered safe from terrorist acts.

Although the security situation continues to improve, the situation there has led me to conclude that Lebanon still continues to be an area ". . . where there is imminent danger to the public health or the physical safety of United States travelers" within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. 221a and 22 CFR 51.73(a)(3).

Accordingly, all United States passports shall remain invalid for travel to, in, or through Lebanon unless specifically validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State.

This Public Notice shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register and shall expire at midnight February 28, 1997, unless extended or sooner revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Warren Christopher,

*Secretary of State.*

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**[Public Notice 2423]**

**Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Certifications Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162**

August 7, 1996.

**SUMMARY:** On April 30, 1995, the Department of State certified, pursuant to section 609 of Public Law 101-162, that 36 countries with commercial shrimp trawl fisheries have adopted programs to reduce the incidental capture of sea turtles in such fisheries comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States, or that the fishing environment in the countries does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of