

Services to declare foreign countries or their political subdivisions to be reciprocating countries for the purpose of the enforcement of family support obligations if the country has established or has undertaken to establish procedures for the establishment and enforcement of duties of support for residents of the United States. These procedures must be in substantial conformity with mandatory elements set out in the statute: procedures for the establishment of paternity and support orders for children and custodial parents; a system for the enforcement of orders, including procedures for the collection and distribution of payments under such orders; providing administrative and legal services without cost to the U.S. applicant; and the designation of an agency to serve as a Central Authority.

Once such a declaration is made, support agencies in jurisdictions of the United States participating in the program established by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (the IV-D program) must provide enforcement services under that program to such reciprocating countries as if the request for service came from a U.S. state.

The declaration authorized by the statute may be made "in the form of an international agreement, in connection with an international agreement or corresponding foreign declaration, or on a unilateral basis." The Secretary of State has authorized either the Legal Adviser or the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs to make such a declaration after consultation with the other.

As of this date, the following countries (or Canadian provinces) have been designated foreign reciprocating countries:

Country	Effective date
Australia	May 21, 2001.
Canadian Provinces:	
British Columbia	Dec. 15, 1999.
Manitoba	July 11, 2000.
Nova Scotia	Dec. 18, 1998.
Czech Republic	May 3, 2000.
Ireland	Sept. 10, 1997.
Poland	June 14, 1999.
Portugal	Mar. 17, 2001.
Slovak Republic	Feb. 1, 1998.

Information

Each of these countries (or Canadian provinces) has designated a Central Authority to facilitate enforcement and ensure compliance with the standards of the statute. Information relating to the designated Central Authorities, and the procedures for processing requests may be obtained by contacting Stephen

Grant, Director, Office of the United States Central Authority for International Child Support, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, 4 Aerospace Building, Washington, DC 20447; phone (202) 260-5943, fax (202) 401-5539, email sgrant@acf.dhhs.gov.

Questions regarding this notice, the status of negotiations, declarations and agreements may be obtained by contacting Mary Helen Carlson at the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Suite 203 South Building, 2430 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-2851; phone (202) 776-8420, fax (202) 776-8482, email carlsonmh@ms.state.gov.

The law also permits individual states of the United States to establish or continue existing reciprocating arrangements with foreign countries when there has been no federal declaration. Many states have such arrangements with additional countries not yet the subject of a federal declaration. Information as to these arrangements may be obtained from the individual state IV-D Agency.

Jeffrey D. Kovar,

Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3805]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, in Room F-3420 at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), 4000 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade specialists, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review progress of the working groups and to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

Members of the public may attend the open session as seating capacity allows, and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chairman's instructions. Members of the

public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As access to the Department of State facilities is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by COB Thursday, December 6, 2001. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat cannot guarantee that State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security can complete the necessary processing required to attend the December 12 plenary.

Each non-member observer wishing to attend should provide his/her name, company or organizational affiliation, date of birth, and social security number to the DTAG Secretariat by fax to (202) 647-9779 (Attention: Mike Slack). A list will be made up for Diplomatic Security and that Reception Desk at the NFATC Visitor Center. Attendees must present a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID, or other valid photo ID for entry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Slack, DTAG Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfers (PM/RSAT), Room 7424 Main State, Washington, DC 20520-2422. Phone (202) 647-2882. Fax: (202) 647-9779.

Dated: November 14, 2001.

Robert W. Maggi,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3827]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW., Washington, DC, December 17-18, 2001 in Conference Room 1105. Prior notification and a valid photo are mandatory for entrance into the building. One week before the meeting, members of the public planning to attend must notify Gloria Walker, Office of Historian (202-663-1124) to provide relevant dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and telephone numbers.

The Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001, to discuss declassification and transfer of Department of State electronic records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the modernization

of the Foreign Relations series. The remainder of the Committee's sessions from 3:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001, and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463). The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning the Foreign Relations series.

These are matters not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Marc J. Susser, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20520, telephone (202) 663-1123, (e-mail history@state.gov).

Dated: November 8, 2001.

Marc J. Susser,

Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Notice Number 3845]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, in room 1303 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20593-0001.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the agenda items to be considered at the twenty-ninth session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 29) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for January 7 to 11, 2002, at the IMO headquarters in London. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for FAL 29 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for FAL 29 will include the following:

- Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic
- Consideration and adoption of proposed amendments to the Annex to the Convention
- EDI messages for the clearance of ships
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines

- General review of the Convention including harmonization with other international instruments
- Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of ships
- Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons—Stowaways
- Facilitation aspects of other IMO forms and certificates
- Technical co-operation sub-programme for facilitation
- Ship-port interface

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSR), room 1400, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001 or by calling Mr. David A. Du Pont at: (202) 267-0971.

Dated: November 9, 2001.

Stephen Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice 3844]

Extension of the Restriction on the Use of United States Passports for Travel to, in, or Through Libya

On December 11, 1981, 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 were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through Libya unless specifically validated for such travel. This restriction has been renewed yearly because of the unsettled relations between the United States and the Government of Libya and the possibility of hostile acts against Americans in Libya. The American Embassy in Tripoli remains closed, thus preventing the United States from providing routine diplomatic protection or consular assistance to Americans who may travel to Libya.

In light of these events and circumstances, I have determined that Libya continues to be an area “* * * where there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of United States travelers” within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. 211a and 22 CFR 51.73 (a) (3).

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

The Public Notice shall be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** and shall expire at midnight November 24, 2002, unless extended or sooner revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: December 13, 2001.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-239]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Brought by Brazil Regarding Antidumping Duties Imposed by the United States on Silicon Metal From Brazil

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that on November 1, 2001, the United States received from Brazil a revised request for consultations under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO Agreement) pertaining to certain measures regarding antidumping methodology as applied by the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) in its administrative review of an antidumping duty order on silicon metal from Brazil. This revised request replaces a request received from Brazil on September 21, 2001 (see notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 2001, titled “WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Brought by Brazil Pertaining to Certain Measures Regarding Antidumping Methodology”). Brazil alleges that:

- The DOC's administrative review is inconsistent with Articles 5, 9, and 11 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (Antidumping Agreement, or ADA). According to Brazil, current U.S. methodology pursuant to which the DOC applies a *de minimis* standard of 0.5 percent in reviews is inconsistent insofar as these provisions allegedly require a 2 percent *de minimis* standard to be applied to both investigations and reviews; and