DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice 4982]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Degas Sculptures”

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

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, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Degas Sculptures,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY from on or about October 25, 2005 to on or about January 29, 2006, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Richard Lahne, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-453-8058). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: January 21, 2005.

C. Miller Crouch,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4981]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Fra Angelico”

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 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Fra Angelico,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY from on or about October 25, 2005 to on or about January 29, 2006, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, (telephone: 202/453–8048). The address is Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.


C. Miller Crouch,
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services Covered by Chapter 15 of the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.


EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–5097, or Melida Hodgson, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–9512.

On May 18, 2004, the United States and Australia entered into the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (“the USAFTA”). Chapter 15 of the USAFTA sets forth certain obligations with respect to government procurement of goods and services, as specified in Annex 15–A of the USAFTA. On August 3, 2004, the President signed into law the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (“the USAFTA Act”) (Pub. L. 108–286, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note). In section 101 of the USAFTA Act, the Congress approved the USAFTA and the statement of administrative action proposed to implement the USAFTA that the President submitted to Congress. The USAFTA entered into force on January 1, 2005.

Section 1–201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980 (45 FR 1653) delegates the functions of the President under Sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (“the Trade Agreements Act”) (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512) to the United States Trade Representative.

Now, therefore, I, Robert B. Zoellick, United States Trade Representative, in conformity with the provisions of Sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act, and Executive Order 12260, and in order to carry out U.S. obligations under Chapter 15 of the USAFTA, do hereby determine that:

1. Australia is a country, which, pursuant to the USAFTA, will provide appropriate reciprocal competitive government procurement opportunities to United States products and suppliers of such products. In accordance with section 301(b)(3) of the Trade Agreements Act, Australia is designated for purposes of section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.

2. With respect to eligible products of Australia (i.e., goods and services covered by the Schedules of the United States in Annex 15–A of the USAFTA) and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than accorded—
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[LR–1214]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, LR–1214 (TD 7430). Discharge of Liens§ 301.7425–3(b)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 1, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Paul Finger, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622–6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Discharge of Liens.

OMB Number: 1545–0854.

Regulation Project Number: LR–1214.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Service needs this information in processing a request to sell property subject to a tax lien to determine if the taxpayer has equity in the property. This information will be used to determine the amount, if any, to which the tax lien attaches.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 24 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 21, 2005.

Paul Finger,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.
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