

Methodology:

The DS-260 will be submitted electronically to the Department via the Internet. The applicant will be instructed to print a confirmation page containing a 2-D bar code record locator, which will be scanned at the time of processing. Applicants who submit the electronic application will no longer submit paper-based applications to the Department.

Dated: April 29, 2009.

David T. Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6611]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS 5507, Affidavit of Parentage, Physical Presence and Support, (New-OMB No. 1405-XXXX)

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:* DS 5507, Affidavit of Parentage, Physical Presence and Support.

- *OMB Control Number:* New-OMB No. 1405-XXXX.

- *Type of Request:* New Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).

- *Form Number:* DS-5507.

- *Respondents:* United States Citizens.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,026.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 15,026.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 7,513 hours.

- *Frequency:* On Occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Application for Benefits. Although acquisition of citizenship is not a federal "benefit," applicants will not be able to obtain citizenship for their child(ren) if they do not provide the information requested in the form.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from May 13, 2009.

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

- *E-mail:* ASKPRI@state.gov.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* U.S. Department of State, CA/OCS/PRI, SA-29, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20520.

- *Fax:* 202-736-9111.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of State, CA/OCS/PRI, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20037.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Derek A. Rivers, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/PRI), U.S. Department of State, SA-29, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 736-9082 or ASKPRI@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.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The purpose of the information collection is to determine if U.S. citizen/national parent(s) possesses the requisite physical presence or residence in the United States prior to their child's birth to transmit U.S. citizenship (or U.S. non-citizen nationality) to the child, to establish parentage of the child, and to fulfill the requirements of 8 U.S.C. 1409(a) which requires a written statement of financial support to be provided by U.S. citizen fathers for children born out of wedlock.

Methodology

The information is collected in person. The Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently exploring options to make this information collection available electronically.

Dated: April 13, 2009.

Mary Ellen Hickey,

Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6612]

Notice of Request for Public Comments; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-261, Electronic Choice of the Address and Agent, OMB Control Number 1405-XXXX

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:* None

- *Type of Request:* New Collection

- *Originating Office:* Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs

- *Form Number:* DS-261

- *Respondents:* Aliens applying for immigrant visas

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 700,000

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 700,000

- *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 166,666 hrs. per year

- *Frequency:* Once per respondent

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefit

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to June 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- Fax: 202-395-6974

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Andrea B. Lage, Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC, 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-1399.

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 and current immigrant visa petition to provide the Department with his or her current address, which will be used for communications with the beneficiary. The DS-261 also allows the beneficiary to appoint an agent to receive mailings 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 appoint an agent but must provide current contact information. All cases will be held at NVC until the DS-261 is electronically submitted to the Department. If the form is not electronically submitted to the Department within one year, NVC will begin the case termination process.

Methodology

The DS-261 will be submitted electronically to the Department via the internet. Respondents who submit the electronic form will no longer submit paper-based forms to the Department.

Dated: April 29, 2009.

David T. Donahue,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6600]

Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2009 in Room 4420 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize preparations for the 59th Session of the Technical Co-Operation Committee (TC 59) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the 102nd Session of the IMO's Council (C 102).

The 59th Session of the Technical Co-Operation (TC) Committee is scheduled to be held 23-25 June 2009 at IMO's London headquarters. Agenda items for TC 59 include:

Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme: Interim report on 2008-2009;
 Linkage between the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals;
 Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme for 2010-2011;
 Technical Co-operation Fund: Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme allocation for 2010-2011;
 Financing the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme;
 Impact Assessment Exercise 2004-2007: Follow-up;
 Partnerships for progress;
 Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme;
 Programme on the integration of women in the maritime sector;
 Institutional development and fellowships;
 Report on the planned outputs of the Committee for 2008-2009;
 Work of other bodies and organizations; and
 Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2010.

The 102nd Session of the Council is scheduled to be held 29 June-3 July, 2009 at IMO's London headquarters. Agenda items for C 102 include:
 Strategy and planning (monitoring of performance and risk management);
 Organizational reforms;
 Resource management;
 Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme;
 Technical Co-operation Fund (biennial allocation to support the ITC Programme for 2010-2011);
 Results-based budget for the twenty-sixth financial period 2010-2011;

Consideration of the reports of the Maritime Safety Committee;
 Consideration of the report of the Facilitation Committee;
 Consideration of the report of the Legal Committee;
 Consideration of the report of the Technical Co-operation Committee;
 Report on the 2009 International Conference on the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships;
 Protection of vital shipping lanes; World Maritime University (Report of the Governing Board and Budget);
 IMO International Maritime Law Institute (Report of Governing Board and Budget);
 Assembly matters;
 External relations;
 Report on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization;
 Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions; and
 Date and place of the next session of the Council.

Members of the public may attend the June 19th meeting of the SHC up to the seating capacity of the room. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government-issued photo identification documents must be presented to gain entrance to the building. The Coast Guard Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance. Please note that parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited and that public transportation is not generally available.

To facilitate attendance to this meeting of the SHC, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Jason Smith—not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009—by e-mail at jason.e.smith2@uscg.mil; by phone at (202) 372-1376; or by writing to Commandant (CG-5212), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001. Additional information regarding this and other SHC public meetings and associated IMO meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/imo>.

Dated: May 6, 2009.

Mark Skolnicki,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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