

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEAmex-2009-70 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEAmex-2009-70. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEAmex-2009-70 and should be submitted on or before November 9, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6787]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3097, Exchange Visitor Program Annual Report, OMB Control Number 1405-0151

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:* Exchange Visitor Program Annual Report.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0151.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Designation, ECA/EC/D/PS.
- *Form Number:* Form DS-3097.
- *Respondents:* designated J-1 program sponsors.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1460.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1460 annually.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 2920 hours.
- *Frequency:* Annually.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Retain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from October 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *E-mail:* oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. *Attention:* Desk Officer for Department of State.

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Stanley S. Colvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchanges, Department of State, 2200 C Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505, who may be reached on (202) 632-6090, fax at 202-632-2701 or e-mail at JExchanges@state.gov.

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

Annual reports from designated program sponsors assist the Department in oversight and administration of the J-1 visa program. The reports provide statistical data on the number of exchange participants an organization sponsored per category. Program sponsors include government agencies, academic institutions, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations.

Methodology

Annual reports are run through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and then printed and sent to the Department. The Department allows sponsors to submit annual reports by mail or fax at this time. There are measures being taken to allow sponsors to submit the reports electronically through SEVIS in the future.

Dated: October 6, 2009.

Stanley S. Colvin,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6788]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Lost World of Old Europe: The Danube Valley 5000-3500BC"

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 in the exhibition: "The Lost World of Old Europe: The Danube Valley 5000–3500BC," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, New York, NY, from on or about November 11, 2009, until on or about April 25, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or 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 Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, 2200 C Street, NW., Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: October 9, 2009.

Maura M. Pally,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6789]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Origins of El Greco: Icon Painting in Venetian Crete"

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 in the exhibition: "The Origins of El Greco: Icon Painting in Venetian Crete," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Onassis Cultural Center, New York, NY, from on or about November 16, 2009, until on or about February 27, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or 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 Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, 2200 C Street, NW., Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: October 9, 2009.

Maura M. Pally,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6790]

Suggestions for Updated 2009–2011 Plan of Action for Working Group on Environmental Cooperation Established Pursuant to the United States–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is soliciting ideas and suggestions for environmental cooperation projects between the United States and Morocco. The United States and Morocco are in the process of developing an updated 2009–2011 Plan of Action pursuant to the United States–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation issued in 2004. The Joint Statement outlines broad areas of environmental cooperation to assist Morocco in complying with its obligations under the United States–Morocco Free Trade Agreement. It is

envisioned that the 2009–2011 Plan of Action will focus on the following themes: (1) Institutional and policy strengthening for effective implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, (2) biodiversity conservation and improved management of protected areas, and other ecologically important ecosystems, (3) improved private sector environmental performance, and (4) environmental education, transparency, and public participation in environmental decision-making and enforcement.

The Department of State invites Government agencies and the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises, and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for the Plan of Action. In preparing such comments or suggestions, we encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The U.S.–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, (2) the 2005–2007 Plan of Action, (3) the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Morocco, (4) the 2004 Final Environmental Review of the U.S.–Morocco Free Trade Agreement, and (5) the website of the Moroccan Ministry of the Environment (French and Arabic) which are all available or linked at: <http://www.state.gov/g/oes/env/trade/>. In the near future, the Department of State will be seeking ideas and suggestions for environmental cooperation projects with U.S. Free Trade Agreement partners Bahrain and Oman through similar **Federal Register** notices.

DATES: To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than November 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions should be e-mailed (LowtherAB@state.gov) or faxed ((202) 647–1052) to Alan Lowther, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science, Office of Environmental Policy, with the subject line "U.S.–Morocco Work Plan on Environmental Cooperation." For those with access to the Internet, comments may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Lowther, telephone (202) 647–6777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In Paragraph 5 of the U.S.–Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, the United States and Morocco announced the establishment of a Working Group on Environmental