

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6891]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Architecture as Icon: Perception and Representation of Architecture in Byzantine Art"

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 "Architecture as Icon: Perception and Representation of Architecture in Byzantine Art," 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 Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ, from on or about March 6, 2010, until on or about June 6, 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 Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/632-6473). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: January 27, 2010.

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: 6890]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Secondary School Student Sponsor On-Site Reviews**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department has designated United States organizations to conduct Secondary School Student exchange programs since 1949, following passage of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 and adoption of 22 CFR part 62—Exchange Visitor Program regulations (14 FR 4592, July 22, 1949). Over the last 60 years, more than 850,000 foreign exchange students have lived in and learned about America through these Secondary School Student programs. Educational and cultural exchanges are the cornerstone of U.S. public diplomacy and an integral component of American foreign policy. Secondary School Student exchange programs promote mutual understanding by providing foreign students the opportunity to study in American high schools while living with American host families. Not only are the students themselves positively transformed and enriched by these experiences, but so too are their families, friends, and teachers in their home countries.

Globalization and the changing demographics of potential American host families, however, are having an impact on the traditional Secondary School Student exchange model. As a result, the Department has taken steps over the past several years to clarify and amend existing regulations; identify program issues that require further attention; cap program growth; more closely monitor sponsor performance; evaluate sponsor compliance; and, when necessary, impose administrative sanctions up to an including the revocation of the sponsor's program designation. In addition to these efforts, the Department has determined that a comprehensive review of each individual designated sponsor organization and its business practices is necessary to assist the Department in meeting both its policy objectives and oversight obligations for this category of exchange. The review of individual designated sponsors is conducted under the Department's regulatory authorities set forth at 22 CFR part 62.

Initially, the Department will conduct on-site reviews of all fee charging program sponsors. Excluded from this first round of review are all Rotary programs, schools, school districts, and government programs. Following the first round of on-site reviews, the Department will determine whether to conduct on-site reviews of some or all of the remaining non-fee-charging sponsors, or if a comparable review of these programs can be conducted through some alternative method.

The Department intends to examine a broad range of sponsor operations. The process will encompass in-depth financial review; examination of program pricing structures; appraisal of organizational operating models; review of hiring criteria and training policies for program employees and agents; evaluation of third party contractor relationships; and standard operating procedures, especially those related to the screening and selection of host families and the repatriation of program participants. Other areas of review will include, but are not limited to, decision-making processes (including the numbers of students accepted); self-imposed compliance mechanisms; procedures for handling student problems; standards for the selection of housing with host families; and policies for refunding deposits or payments when applicants cannot participate due to visa denial or sponsor inability to secure a placement. The Department will also examine the relationships between sponsors and third parties, including foreign partners. In the case of foreign partners, the Department will review their role in the overall placement process and the fees they charge for their services. The Department will scrutinize all contractual relationships under which designated sponsors outsource "core" services, i.e., the screening, selection, placement, orientation, and monitoring functions that constitute the core elements of international exchange programming.

It is the Department's intention that the burden of these reviews on sponsors will be minimal. Most document production will precede the on-site reviews and will involve standard and already existing business documents. The on-site portion of the review will entail interviews with key employees and review of files, but may also involve other follow-on areas of inquiry.

Sponsors will be given at least ten business days' notice of the on-site review at which time they will be asked to submit required documentation within five business days. The Department will try to be flexible with scheduling of reviews to ensure the availability of the sponsor's responsible officer, alternate responsible officer(s), and other key employees who will need to be interviewed. Many of the reviews will be completed in two business days by two-person teams of Department employees from the Office of Designation and the Office of Exchange Coordination and Compliance. Individual circumstances, however, may result in the Department bringing additional staff or extending the length

of the review. In addition, a representative from both the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Grants Office and Youth Programs Division will join the review teams for those sponsors that place secondary school students under the terms of grant awards.

These reviews will not replace the redesignation process nor alter the requirements that sponsors submit applications for redesignation prior to the expiration of their current designations. Nor will the reviews take the place of the annual data reports required by regulation. Following the reviews, the Department will compile and share best practices and lessons learned with the exchange community. The Department recognizes it may also find operations that require the imposition of corrective action plans, or it may find that some entities no longer meet the eligibility requirements necessary to retain their designations. The Department believes that these reviews will provide an opportunity for continued growth of the partnership between the Department and program sponsors necessary and that the reviews will further our shared goal of ensuring that these young and potentially vulnerable exchange program participants all return to their countries with fond and meaningful memories of their successful exchange adventure in the United States of America.

Dated: January 28, 2010.

Stanley S. Colvin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2009-0019 (Notice No. 09-7)]

Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of information collection approval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval and extension until September 30, 2012, for the following information collection request (ICR): OMB Control No. 2137-0051, "Rulemaking, Special Permits, and Preemption Requirements."

This notice announces OMB approval and extension until November 30, 2012, for the following ICR: OMB Control No. 2137-0613, "Subsidiary Hazard Class and Number/Type of Packagings."

This notice announces OMB approval and extension until January 31, 2013 for the following ICR: OMB Control No. 2137-0510, "Radioactive (RAM) Transportation Requirements."

DATE: The expiration dates for these ICRs are either September 30, 2012, November 30, 2012, or January 31, 2013 as indicated under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Deborah Boothe or Steven Andrews, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (PHH-10), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Boothe or Steven Andrew, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (PHH-10), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(s)) and specify that no person is required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA has received OMB approval for renewal of the following ICRs:

OMB Control Number: 2137-0051.

Title: "Rulemaking, Special Permits, and Preemption Requirements."

Expiration Date: September 30, 2012.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0613.

Title: "Subsidiary Hazard Class and Number/Type of Packagings."

Expiration Date: November 30, 2012.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0510.

Title: "Radioactive (RAM) Transportation Requirements."

Expiration Date: January 31, 2013.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 29, 2010.

Edward T. Mazzullo,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236, as detailed below.

Grenada Railway, LLC

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0122]

The Grenada Railway, LCC (GRYR) seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the Automatic Block Signal System (ABS) on the entire railroad line between, but not including, the point of ownership at the Tennessee State Line, milepost (MP) 403.3 (Canadian National connection) to, but not including, the point of ownership at MP 703.8, near Davis, Mississippi (Canadian National connection). A northbound operative approach signal will be installed at MP 404.0 and a southbound operative approach signal will be installed at MP 702.8.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the ABS is no longer needed in the current or foreseeable future operations of GRYR. There are substantial costs in maintaining the ABS. GRYR will operate under Rule 520, Other Than Main Track.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and include a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written