

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Justice created the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS) in 2002 pursuant to sections 262(a) and 263(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1302(a) and 1303(a), to provide the Federal government with records of the arrival and departure of nonimmigrant aliens from specific countries designated by the Attorney General.¹ The NSEERS regulations require nonimmigrant aliens who are nationals or citizens of countries designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, upon consultation with the Secretary of State, to comply with special registration requirements, including providing fingerprints, a photograph, and any additional information required by DHS to DHS officials at the time the nonimmigrant applies for admission at a U.S. port of entry. 8 CFR 264.1(f)(3). Countries are designated for NSEERS by notice published in the **Federal Register**. 8 CFR 264.1(f)(2). Nonimmigrants subject to NSEERS requirements also may be required to appear at a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in person to verify information by providing additional information or to provide documentation confirming compliance with the conditions of their status and admission. *Id.* Finally, such nonimmigrants are required to depart through specified ports to record their departures from the United States. 8 CFR 264.1(f)(8)(i).

Pursuant to prior designations, nonimmigrant nationals or citizens of the following countries currently must comply with NSEERS requirements: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. *See, e.g.*, 67 FR 67766 (Nov. 6, 2002); 67 FR 70526 (Nov. 22, 2002); 67 FR 77642 (Dec. 18, 2002); 68 FR 2363 (Jan. 16, 2003).

Since its establishment in 2003, DHS has developed substantial infrastructure

and adopted more universally applicable means to verify the entry and exit of aliens into and out of the United States. Improved intelligence exchange between the United States and other countries has further informed DHS's understanding of the threat posed to the United States by international terrorism. Based on global and individualized intelligence, DHS has refined its approach to identifying aliens posing a threat to the nation and applied these techniques to foreign national non-immigrants generally. As threats to the United States evolve, DHS seeks to identify specific individuals and actions that pose specific threats, rather than focusing on more general designations of groups of individuals, such as country of origin.

DHS has implemented and improved the data systems that support individualized determinations of admissibility. DHS established the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program ("US-VISIT"), in January 2004, to record the arrival and departure of aliens; verify aliens' identities; and authenticate and biometrically compare travel documents issued to non-U.S. citizens by DHS and the Department of State. Under U.S.-VISIT requirements, most aliens seeking admission to the United States must provide finger scans and a digital photograph upon entry to the United States at U.S. ports of entry. 8 CFR 235.1(f)(1).

DHS also currently requires the collection and electronic transmission to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of manifest information for passengers and crew members entering and departing the United States by air or sea. Commercial air carriers departing foreign destinations for the United States or departing the United States for a foreign destination are required to transmit passenger manifests electronically to CBP's Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) within strict time limits as prescribed by regulation. 19 CFR 122.49a, 122.49b, 122.75a, 122.75b. Vessels departing from foreign ports for the United States or departing from the United States for a foreign port must provide passenger and crew manifest data within strict time limits as prescribed by regulation. 19 CFR 4.7b; 4.64(b). DHS recently implemented APIS requirements for private aircraft arriving in or departing from the United States. 19 CFR 122.22, 122.26, 122.31.

In light of the development of and improvements to the Department's information collection systems and international information sharing agreements, the Secretary has

determined that subjecting nationals from designated countries to a special registration process that manually recaptures data already collected through automated systems is redundant and does not provide any increase in security.

After careful consideration, the Secretary of Homeland Security, by this notice, is removing all currently designated countries from the listing of countries whose nationals and citizens are required to comply with NSEERS registration requirements: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Effective upon publication of this Notice, nonimmigrant nationals and citizens of these countries are no longer required to comply with the requirements of 8 CFR 264.1(f), including the requirement that they exit through designated ports of entry. Accordingly, nationals and citizens from these countries are no longer subject to the NSEERS registration requirement. Accordingly, DHS will no longer register aliens under NSEERS effective on April 28, 2011. This notice does not relieve any alien of any other requirement under the law.

Janet Napolitano,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-1968-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2011-0001]

California; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of California (FEMA-1968-DR), dated April 18, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 18, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

¹ See 67 FR 40581 (June 13, 2002) (proposed rule); 67 FR 52584 (Aug. 12, 2002) (final rule). The functions of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, including NSEERS, were transferred to DHS in 2003. *See* Homeland Security Act of 2002 (HSA), Public Law 107-296, tit. XV, sec. 1517, 116 Stat. 2135, 2311, 6 U.S.C. 557 (transfer of regulatory authority).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated April 18, 2011, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the “Stafford Act”), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of California resulting from tsunami waves on March 11, 2011, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the “Stafford Act”). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of California.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Sandy Coachman, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of California have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Del Norte and Santa Cruz Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of California are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance

(Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–1969–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2011–0001]

North Carolina; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina (FEMA–1969–DR), dated April 19, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 21, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of April 19, 2011.

Craven, Currituck, Greene, Hertford, Hoke, Pitt, Robeson, and Sampson Counties for Individual Assistance.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance

(Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: File Number OMB 22; Extension of an Existing Information Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: OMB 22, National Interest Waivers; Supplemental Evidence to I–140 and I–485; OMB Control No. 1615–0063.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until June 27, 2011.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Clearance Officer, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529–2020.

Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202–272–0997 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB control No. 1615–0063 in the subject box.

Note: The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning OMB 22, National Interest Waivers; Supplemental Evidence to I–140 and I–485. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check “My Case Status” online at <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1–800–375–5283 (TTY 1–800–767–1833).

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies