

maximum of four months to travel and work in largely unskilled positions. The program has been in operation since 1963 and helps the Department reach a segment of the youth demographic that often does not have the means to visit the United States unless they can work to defray their costs. In 2011, approximately 103,000 foreign students will have participated in the SWT program. Roughly one million foreign post-secondary students have participated in the past decade. The SWT program supports public diplomacy efforts by fostering constructive, personal ties with foreign youth and offering them a positive view of the United States that they can then share in their home countries.

The Department began an ongoing, comprehensive review of the Summer Work Travel program in spring 2010, which has resulted in significant changes to the existing regulations that govern administration of the program. A pilot program that placed more stringent requirements on participants from six countries (Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Belarus, Moldova and Romania) was implemented for the 2011 season. A program-wide Interim Final Rule, which took effect on July 15, 2011: (a) strengthens sponsor oversight requirements with respect to both program participants for whom sponsors are responsible and the third parties that sponsors rely upon to assist them in administering their programs (i.e., U.S. employers and foreign agents); (b) requires that participants from non-Visa Waiver Program countries be pre-placed in a job before the Form DS-2019 is issued; (c) requires sponsors to fully vet employers and all SWT job offers; and, (d) requires sponsors to contact current program participants on a monthly basis to monitor their welfare and whereabouts.

Yet, despite these new regulations, the number of program complaints received this year continues to remain unacceptably high and includes, among other issues, reports of improper work placements, fraudulent job offers, job cancellations upon participant arrival in the United States, inappropriate work hours, and problems regarding housing and transportation.

To ensure that these issues are appropriately addressed, the Department is continuing and augmenting its review of the Summer Work Travel program and its governing regulations. Until the Department completes its review and implements the next steps, currently designated sponsors may continue to operate under their present designations and current regulations at 22 CFR Part 62; however,

until further notice, SWT program sponsors in business for the full 2011 calendar year will not be permitted to expand their number of program participants beyond their actual total 2011 participant program size. No new applications from prospective sponsors for SWT program designation will be accepted at this time.

Dated: October 31, 2011.

Rick A. Ruth,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7678]

Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; Termination of Chemical and Biological Weapons (CBW) Proliferation Sanctions Against a Foreign Person

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Government has decided to terminate sanctions imposed on a foreign person who had engaged in CBW proliferation activities that required the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act and the Export Administration Act of 1979.

DATES: Effective Date: Upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela K. Durham, Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Telephone (202) 647-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Sections 81(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(d)) and Section 11C(d) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(d)), the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security determined and certified to Congress that reliable information indicated that the following foreign person has ceased to aid or abet any foreign government, project, or entity in its efforts to acquire chemical or biological weapons capability:

Gerhard Merz

This determination and certification terminates the sanctions imposed on this foreign person in 1994 pursuant to Section 81(a) and (c) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 11C(a) and (c)

of the Export Administration Act. (Volume 59 FR Public Notice 2143)

Dated: November 1, 2011.

Thomas M. Countryman,

Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS422]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States—Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Shrimp and Diamond Sawblades From China

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) is providing notice that the People’s Republic of China has requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”). That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS422/3. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before December 7, 2011, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2011-0002. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jared Wessel, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (“URAA”) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided