Additional Information

The DS–5513 is questionnaire is designed to help determine the entitlement of passport applicants. The DS–5513 is not designed to replace the DS–11, Application for a U.S. Passport, but rather to supplement the application when the applicant initially submits evidence that is insufficient to meet his/her burden of proving entitlement. The Department estimates that such supplemental information will only be requested for a small number of applicants, estimated to be less than 0.5% of applications received annually.

For information on what documentation is required when submitting a DS–11, please refer to page two of the instructions.

The DS–5513 is largely based on the original Biographical Questionnaire for a U.S. Passport, posted on the Federal Register for public comment on February 24, 2011 (page 10421) and closed April 25, 2011.

Comments received from the original Federal Register posting were considered, and several suggestions were incorporated into the current version of the forms. The Department split the form into two shorter forms: the DS–5520 for identity questions and the DS–5513 for entitlement. Both revised forms assure applicants that failure to answer every question will not necessarily preclude passport issuance, as the responses to the questions in the forms are considered in their entirety.

In response to comments regarding burden and privacy concerns, the proposed forms amend many of the questions to more accurately obtain the information the Department is seeking. For example, on the DS–5513, the questions concentrate around the time of the applicant’s birth and there are no longer any questions seeking information about periods of time beyond the applicant’s 18th birthday.

The Department also received comments that expressed concern over the ability of an applicant who is adopted or elderly to answer the DS–5513’s questions on birth circumstances. The form asks a wide range of questions related to the circumstances and facts surrounding an applicant’s birth in order to accommodate the various situations in which Americans are born, whether hospital, home birth, non-institutional birth, etc. The Department realizes that most information an applicant supplies for this questionnaire surrounding his/her birth and early life will likely come from other sources and takes this into account during the adjudication process. In addition, many of these questions may not apply to some applicants; however, in those instances where the questions are relevant, the supplemental form gives the applicant an opportunity to provide additional information that may support passport issuance.

Dated: May 9, 2012.

Barry J. Convery,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Bodies and Shadows: Caravaggio and His Legacy”

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. 2581, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Bodies and Shadows: Caravaggio and His Legacy” 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 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, from on or about November 11, 2012, until on or about February 10, 2013; the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT, from on or about March 8, 2013, until on or about June 16, 2013, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

J. Adam Ereli,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

Suggestions for Environmental Cooperation Pursuant to the United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of preparation of and request for comments regarding the first United States—Korea Environmental Cooperation Work Program.

SUMMARY: The Department invites the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the first Work Program for implementing the United States—Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement, which entered into force on March 15, 2012. We encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The U.S.—Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement; (2) Chapter 20 (Environment) of the U.S.—Korea Free