

OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

• *Fax:* 202–395–5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Derek A. Rivers, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/L), U.S. Department of State, SA–29, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20520 or at *CA–OCS–L@state.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: • *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0011.
• *Type of Request:* Extension.
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).

• *Form Number:* DS–2029.

Respondents: Parents or legal guardians of United States citizen children born overseas.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 68,627.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 68,627.

• *Average Time Per Response:* 20 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 22,876 hours.

• *Frequency:* On Occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The DS–2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America,

is used by citizens of the United States to report the birth of a child while overseas. The information collected on this form will be used to certify the acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth of a person born abroad and can be used by that person throughout life. 22 CFR § 50.5–50.7 are important legal authorities that permit the Department to use this form.

Methodology

The DS–2029 is currently available to download from the Internet. An application for a Consular Report of Birth is normally made in the consular district in which the birth occurred. The parent respondents will complete the form and present it to a United States Consulate or Embassy, who will examine the documentation and enter the information provided into the Department of State American Citizen Services (ACS) electronic database.

Dated: November 21, 2012.

Michelle Bernier-Toth,

Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizen Services, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8133]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, in Room 5–1224 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the seventeenth Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Subcommittee on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, February 4–8, 2013.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Evaluation of safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments
- Additional guidelines for implementation of the BWM Convention
- Production of a manual entitled “Ballast Water Management—How to do it”
- Consideration of improved and new technologies approved for ballast

- water management systems and reduction of atmospheric pollution
- Development of international measures for minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species through biofouling of ships
- Development of international code of safety for ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels
- Development of a revised IGC Code
- Consideration of the impact on the Arctic of emission of Black Carbon from international shipping
- Development of relevant non-mandatory instruments as a consequence of the amended MARPOL Annex VI and NO_x Technical Code
- Development of guidelines for replacement engines not required to meet the Tier III limit (MARPOL Annex VI)
- Development of guidelines pertaining to equivalents set forth in regulation 4 of MARPOL Annex VI and not covered by other guidelines
- Development of guidelines called for under paragraph 2.2.5.6 of the NO_x Technical Code
- Development of a Code for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels
- Development of amendments to the provisions of SOLAS chapter II–2 relating to the secondary means of venting cargo tanks
- Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
- Casualty analysis
- Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for BLG 18
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2014
- Any other business
- Report to the Committees

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LT Sean Peterson, by email at *Sean.M.Peterson@uscg.mil*, by phone at (202) 372–1403, by fax at (202) 372–1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG–ENG–5), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126, not later than January 16, 2013, seven days prior to the meeting. Requests made after January 16, 2013, might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The

Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: December 18, 2012.

Brian Robinson,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS444]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding Argentina—Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods

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 United States 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/DS444/10. 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 January 18, 2013 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2012-0023. 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:

Greta Milligan Peisch, 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 after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that a dispute settlement panel has been requested pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (“DSU”). The panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

The United States has requested the establishment of a panel to consider certain measures imposed by Argentina on the importation of goods into Argentina. In particular, Argentina subjects the importation of all goods to approval of a non-automatic import license through the *Declaración Jurada Anticipada de Importación* (“DJAI”) system. Argentina subjects the importation of certain categories goods into Argentina to other, product-specific, non-automatic import licenses, or *Licencias No Automáticas de Importación*, in the form of *Certificados de Importación* (“CIs”). The legal instruments through which Argentina maintains these measures are set out in the annexes to the panel request. The issuance of CIs and approval of DJAIs are systematically delayed or denied by Argentine authorities on non-transparent grounds.

In addition, Argentina often requires imports to undertake certain commitments including to limit imports, to balance imports with exports, to make or increase investments in production facilities in Argentina, to increase the local content of products manufactured in Argentina (and thereby discriminate against imported products), to refrain from transferring revenue or other funds abroad and/or to control the price of imported goods. The Argentine authorities often make the issuance of CIs and the approval of DJAIs conditional upon the importers undertaking to comply with the above-mentioned trade-restrictive commitments.

Through these measures, Argentina appears to have acted inconsistently with its obligations under the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade* (“GATT 1994”) and the *Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures* (“Import Licensing Agreement”). Specifically, by adopting and maintaining these measures, Argentina appears to have acted inconsistently with Articles III:4,

X:1, X:3(a) and XI:1 of the GATT 1994, and Articles 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.6, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5(f), 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the Import Licensing Agreement.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in this dispute. Persons may submit public comments electronically to www.regulations.gov docket number USTR-2012-0023. 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.

To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR-2012-0023 on the home page and click “search”. The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled “Submit a Comment.” (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use This Site” on the left side of the home page.)

The www.regulations.gov site provides the option of providing comments by filling in a “Type Comments” field, or by attaching a document using an “upload file” field. It is expected that most comments will be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type “See attached” in the “Type Comments” field.

A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and the submission must be marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page. Any comment containing business confidential information must be submitted by fax to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640. A non-confidential summary of the confidential information must be submitted to www.regulations.gov. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.