**DEPARTMENT STATE**

**Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “The Cyrus Cylinder in Ancient Persia: A New Beginning”**

**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. 236–3 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 “The Cyrus Cylinder in Ancient Persia: A New Beginning,” 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 owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, from, on or about March 9, 2013, until on or about April 28, 2013; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, from on or about May 3, 2013, until on or before June 14, 2013; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about June 20, 2013, until on or about August 4, 2013; The Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA, from on or about August 9, 2013, until on or about September 22, 2013; the Getty Villa, The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, from on or about October 2, 2013, until December 2, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

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