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• *Email:*

*PRA\_BurdenComments@state.gov.*

• *Mail:* Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services Office—DS—1648, 2401 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20520—30106.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

**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 Sydney Taylor, Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at

*PRA\_BurdenComments@state.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

• *Title of Information Collection:* Application for A, G, or NATO Visas.

• *OMB Control Number:* OMB No. 1405—0100.

• *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.

• *Form Number:* DS—1648.

• *Respondents:* All applicants for A, G, or NATO visa reauthorizations, excluding A—3, G—5 and NATO—7 applicants.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 30,000.

• *Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 15,000 hours.

• *Frequency:* Once per application.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain Benefit.

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 estimates of the time and cost burdens 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:*

Under INA section § 101(a)(15)(G) and INA section § 101(a)(15)(A), the Department of State can use Form DS—1648 to elicit information from applicants for a renewal of A, G, or NATO visas, excluding A—3, G—5 and NATO—7 applicants.

*Methodology:* The DS—1648 will be submitted electronically to the Department via the internet. The applicant will be instructed to print a confirmation page containing a bar coded record locator, which will be scanned at the time of processing.

Dated: May 14, 2013.

**Edward Ramotowski,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Delegation of Authority No. 357]**

**Delegation to the Assistant Secretary for Administration of Procurement Functions and Authorities**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by 22 U.S.C. 2651a and 41 U.S.C. 1702, and delegated to me by Delegation of Authority 198, dated September 16, 1992, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, all duties, responsibilities and powers of the Secretary with respect to Department procurement; and authority to act as head of the agency with respect to procurement.

**I. Scope**

1. In carrying out these functions, the Assistant Secretary for Administration shall:

a. Prescribe and publish the Department of State Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 6) and other directives pertaining to procurement including, but not limited to, those incorporated in 48 CFR Chapter 6.

b. To the extent permitted by law, make all determinations and findings required by statute or regulation to be made by the Head of the Agency.

2. The authority delegated herein shall be exercised in accordance with the applicable limitations and requirements of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, as amended; the Federal Acquisition

Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1); the applicable portions of the Federal Property Management Regulations (41 CFR Chapter 101); as well as other relevant statutes and regulations.

3. The Assistant Secretary for Administration is authorized to re-delegate (and authorize the subsequent re-delegation of) any of the authorities delegated herein, to the extent authorized by law, to any qualified employee of the Department of State.

4. The Assistant Secretary for Administration shall serve as Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO), and shall carry out the duties enumerated in 41 U.S.C. 1702, including the following duties:

a. Advise and assist the Secretary and other Department officials to ensure that the mission of the Department is achieved through the management of the Department's acquisition activities.

b. Responsible for monitoring the performance of acquisition activities and acquisition programs of the Department, evaluating the performance of those programs on the basis of applicable performance measurements, and advising the Secretary, Deputy Secretaries, and Under Secretary for Management regarding the appropriate business strategy to achieve the mission of the Department.

c. Increase the use of full and open competition in the acquisition of property and services by the Department by establishing policies, procedures, and practices that ensure that the Department receives a sufficient number of sealed bids or competitive offers from responsible sources to fulfill the Department's requirements (including performance and delivery schedules) at the lowest cost or best value considering the nature of the property or service procured.

d. Increase the appropriate use of performance-based contracting and performance specifications.

e. Make acquisition decisions consistent with all applicable laws and establish clear lines of authority, accountability, and responsibility for acquisition decision making within the Department.

f. Manage the direction of acquisition policy for the Department, including implementation of the unique acquisition policies, regulations, and standards of the Department.

g. Develop and maintain an acquisition career management program in the Department to ensure that there is an adequate professional workforce.

h. Advise the Department on the applicability of relevant policy on the contracts of the agency for overseas contingency operations and ensure the

compliance of the contracts and contracting activities of the Department with such policy.

5. As part of the strategic planning and performance evaluation process required by 5 U.S.C. 306 and 31 U.S.C. 1105(a)(28), 1115, 1116, and 9703 (Managerial Accountability and Flexibility), the CAO will:

a. Assess the requirements established for agency personnel regarding knowledge and skill in acquisition resources management and the adequacy of those requirements for facilitating the achievement of the performance goals established for acquisition management;

b. Develop strategies and specific plans for hiring, training, and professional development to rectify a deficiency in meeting those requirements; and

c. Report to the Secretary on the progress made in improving acquisition management capability.

## II. Technical

1. This delegation of authority supersedes Department of State Delegation No. 120-4, dated July 26, 1994; No. 120-5, dated November 23, 1994; and No. 120-6, dated February 21, 2004.

2. This document will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 30, 2013.

**Patrick F. Kennedy,**

*Under Secretary for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8340]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, in Room 1200 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-7126. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the sixty-third Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Technical Co-operation Committee (TCC 63) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom from July 10 to July 12, 2013 and the one hundred and tenth Session of the IMO Council Session (C 110) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from July 15 to July 19, 2013.

The agenda items to be discussed include:

### Sixty-Third Session of the Technical Co-Operation Committee

- Adoption of the agenda
- Work of other bodies and organizations
- Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme
- Financing of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme
- Linkage between the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals
- Partnerships for progress
- Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
- Integration of women in the maritime sector
- Global maritime training institutions
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- Work Programme
- Any other business
- Election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman for 2014
- Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-second session

### One Hundred and Tenth Session of Council

- Adoption of the agenda
- Report of the Secretary-General on credentials
- Strategy, planning and reform
- Resource Management
  - Human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
- Accounts and audit: Final accounts for the finance period 2012 and transfers within the 2012 budget
- Report on investments
- Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention
- Budget considerations for 2013
- Development of a long-term plan for the future financial sustainability of the Organization
- Technical Co-operation Fund
- Results-based budget: Outline of budgetary implications for 2014-2015
- Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
- Consideration of the report of the Maritime Safety Committee
- Consideration of the report of the Facilitation Committee
- Consideration of the report of the Legal Committee
- Consideration of the report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee
- Consideration of the report of the Technical Co-operation Committee
- Protection of vital shipping lanes

- Periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments
- World Maritime University:
  - Report of the Board of Governors
  - Budget
- IMO International Maritime Law Institute:
  - Report of the Board of Governors
  - Budget
- Assembly matters:
  - Provisional Agenda for the twenty-eighth regular session of the Assembly
  - Preparations for the twenty-eighth regular session of the Assembly
  - Draft report of the Council to the Assembly on the work of the Organization since the twenty-eighth regular session of the Assembly
- External relations:
  - Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies
  - Joint Inspection Unit
  - Relations with intergovernmental organizations
  - Relations with non-governmental organizations
  - World Maritime Day
  - International Maritime Prize
  - IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea
  - Report on Day of the Seafarer 2013
- Report on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization
- Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions
- Place, date and duration of the next session of the Council
- Supplementary agenda items, if any

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; LCDR Matthew Frazee by email at [matthew.p.frazee@uscg.mil](mailto:matthew.p.frazee@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1376 or in writing at Commandant (CG-52), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street SW., STOP 7126, Room 1200, Washington, DC 20593-7126 not later than June 28, 2013. Requests for reasonable accommodation made after June 28th will be considered, but may not be possible to fulfill.

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