DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8439]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Voluntary Disclosures.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from August 27, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions should be directed to Mr. Nicholas Memos, Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy, U.S. Department of State, who may be reached via Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, who may be reached via the Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0112. You must include the information collection title and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information to Mr. Nicholas Memos, PM/DDTC, SA–1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0112, who may be reached via phone at (202) 663–2829, or via email at memosi@state.gov.

Title of Information Collection: Voluntary Disclosures

OMB Control Number: 1405–0179

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection

Originating Office: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC

Respondents: Business and nonprofit organizations

- Estimated Number of Respondents: 850
- Estimated Number of Responses: 1,500
- Average Hours Per Response: 10 hours
- Total Estimated Burden: 15,000 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 export, temporary import, temporary export and brokering of defense articles, defense services, and related technical data are licensed by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) in accordance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("ITAR," 22 CFR 120–130) and Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA). Those who manufacture or export defense articles, defense services, and related technical data, or the brokering thereof, must register with the Department of State. Persons desiring to engage in export, temporary import, and brokering activities must submit an application or written request to conduct the transaction to the Department to obtain a decision whether it is in the interests of U.S. foreign policy and national security to approve the transaction. Also, registered brokers must submit annual reports regarding all brokering activity that was transacted, and registered manufacturers and exporter must maintain records of defense trade activities for five years. ITAR § 127.12 encourages the disclosure of information to DDTC by persons who believe they may have violated any provision of the AECA, ITAR, or any order, license, or other authorization issued under the AECA. The violation is analyzed by DDTC to determine whether to take administrative action under ITAR part 128 and whether to refer the matter to the Department of Justice for possible prosecution.

Methodology: This information collection may be sent to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls via the following methods: electronically or mail.

Dated: August 20, 2013.

C. Edward Peartree,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8441]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Face to Face: Flanders, Florence, and Renaissance Painting” Exhibition

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. 2450), 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 “Face to Face: Flanders, Florence, and Renaissance Painting,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA, from on or about September 28, 2013, until on or about January 13, 2014, 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.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8440]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Yoga: the Art of Transformation”

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 “Yoga: the Art of Transformation,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign owners or custodians. 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 October 19, 2013, until on or about January 26, 2014; The Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA, from on or about February 21, 2014, until on or about May 25, 2014; The Cleveland Museum of Art, from on or about June 22, 2014, until on or about September 7, 2014, 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-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–4667). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: August 16, 2013.

Lee Satterfield,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8442]


Consistent with the authority contained in Section 604 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Pub. L. 107–228) (the “Act”), the Delegation of Authority in the April 30, 2009, Memorandum for the Secretary of State, and Department of State Delegation of Authority No. 245–1, and with reference to the determinations set out in the Report to the Congress transmitted pursuant to Section 603 of that Act, regarding the extent of noncompliance by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) or Palestinian Authority with certain commitments, I hereby impose the sanction set out in Section 604(a)(2), “Downgrade in Status of the PLO Office in the United States.” This sanction is imposed for a period of 180 days from the date that the report under Section 603 of the Act is transmitted to the Congress or until such time as the next report under Section 603 is required to be transmitted to the Congress, whichever is later.

Furthermore, I hereby determine that it is in the national security interest of the United States to waive that sanction, pursuant to Section 604(c) of the Act. This waiver shall be effective for a period of 180 days from the date hereof or until such time as the next report under Section 603 of the Act is required to be transmitted to Congress, whichever is later.

This Determination shall be reported to Congress promptly and published in the Federal Register.

Dated: August 8, 2013.

William J. Burns,
Deputy Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Connected Vehicle Research Program Public Meeting; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: ITS Joint Program Office, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Intelligent Transportation System Joint Program Office (ITS JPO) will host its annual free public meeting to provide an overview of the ITS JPO Connected Vehicle research program. The meeting will take place September 24 to 26, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA, 22203, 703–243–9800. Persons planning to attend the meeting should register online at www.itsa.org/connectedvehicleworkshop.

The public meeting is the best opportunity to learn details about the Connected Vehicle research program in anticipation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s 2013 decision regarding vehicle safety communications for light vehicles and 2014 decision for heavy vehicles. The meeting will have focused discussions on the ITS JPO’s Connected Vehicle safety program, including vehicle-to-vehicle communications, safety pilot, vehicle-to-infrastructure communications, human factors, and policy. There will also be a special session dedicated to the ITS Strategic Plan for 2015 to 2019 including a session on the developing USDOT Multimodal Plan for Vehicle Automation. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the ITS JPO Web site at www.itsa.org/connectedvehicleworkshop.

About the Connected Vehicle Research Program at USDOT

Connected Vehicle research at USDOT is a multimodal program that involves using wireless communication between vehicles, infrastructure, and personal communications devices to improve safety, mobility, and environmental sustainability. To learn more about the Connected Vehicle program please visit www.itsa.org.

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Stephen Glasscock,
Program Analyst, ITS Joint Program Office.

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