

- *Frequency*: Once per Respondent.
- *Obligation to Respond*: Required to Obtain or Retain a 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 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: Form DS-260 will be used to elicit information to determine the eligibility of aliens applying for immigrant visas.

Methodology: The DS-260 will be submitted electronically to the Department via the internet. The applicant will be instructed to print a confirmation page containing a 2-D bar code record locator, which will be scanned at the time of adjudication. Applicants who submit the electronic application will no longer submit paper-based applications to the Department.

Dated: March 20, 2014.

Edward Ramotowski,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8674]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: NEA/PI Online Performance Reporting System (PRS)

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

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 May 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web*: Persons with access to the Internet may use the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) to comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Public Notice ####" in the Search bar. If necessary, use the Narrow by Agency filter option on the Results page.

- Email: mepidatabasecomments@state.gov.

- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Catherine Bourgeois, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of State, Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI), Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, NEA Mail Room—Room 6258, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

- Fax: 202-647-8445.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: 2430 E St. NW., (23rd and D St. NW.), Navy Hill—SA-4—Central, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20037.

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 Markita Cooke, U.S. Department of State, Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI), Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, NEA Mail Room—Room 6258, 2201 C St. NW., Washington DC 20520, who may be reached on 202-776-8309 or at CookeMA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection*: NEA/PI Online Performance Reporting System (PRS).
- *OMB Control Number*: 1405-0183.
- *Type of Request*: Extension.
- *Originating Office*: NEA/PI.
- *Form Number*: DS-4127.
- *Respondents*: Recipients of NEA/PI grants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 75 respondents annually.
- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 300 per year.
- *Average Time per Response*: 20 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time*: 6000 hours.

- *Frequency*: quarterly.
- *Obligation To Respond*: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

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- 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.
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Abstract of Proposed Collection

Since 2002, MEPI has obligated more than \$800 million to over 725 organizations, which carry out more than 1,000 projects in support of political, economic, education and women's rights reform in 20 countries of the Middle East and North Africa. As a normal course of business and in compliance with 22 U.S.C. 2395(b) and OMB Guidelines contained in Circular A-110, recipient organizations are required to provide, and the U.S. State Department is required to collect, periodic program and financial performance reports. The responsibility of the State Department to track and monitor the programmatic and financial performance necessitates a database that can help facilitate this in a consistent and standardized manner. The MEPI Performance Reporting System (PRS) enables enhanced monitoring and evaluation of grants through standardized collection and storage of relevant award elements, such as quarterly progress reports, workplans, results monitoring plans, grant agreements, financial reports, and other business information related to MEPI implementers. The PRS streamlines communication with implementers and allows for rapid identification of information gaps for specific projects.

Methodology

Information will be entered into PRS electronically by respondents.

Additional Information:

Dated: March 21, 2014.

Catherine Bourgeois,

Deputy Director, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, NEA/PI, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8676]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The World Is an Apple": The Still Lives of Paul Cézanne

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, and 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 World Is an Apple": The Still Lives of Paul Cézanne, 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 Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from on or about June 22, 2014, until on or about September 22, 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 imported objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: March 24, 2014.

Kelly Keiderling,

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

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments on an Environmental Goods Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: On March 21, 2014, the United States Trade Representative notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into negotiations for a World Trade Organization Environmental Goods Agreement. A copy of the notification is available at www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/03212014-Letter-to-Congress.pdf. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, on behalf of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is seeking public comments regarding U.S. interests and priorities with respect to this initiative. Comments may be provided in writing and orally at a public hearing.

DATES: Written comments are due by midnight, May 5, 2014. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a summary of their testimony, by midnight, May 5, 2014. The hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on June 5, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments from the public should be submitted electronically at www.regulations.gov. If you are unable to provide submissions at www.regulations.gov, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), at (202) 395-3475, to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Coordination Assistant, at the above number. All other questions regarding this notice should be directed to Bill McElnea, Director for Environment and Natural Resources, at (202) 395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 24, a group of 14 WTO Members (Australia, Canada, China, Costa Rica, the European Union, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, and the United States) accounting for 86 percent of global trade in environmental goods announced in a joint statement their interest in negotiating an agreement to eliminate tariffs on environmental goods that are

needed to protect the environment and address climate change. Examples of such environmental goods include solar panels, wind turbines, and catalytic converters, among others. The joint statement is available at: <http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/press-office/press-releases/2014/January/USTR-Froman-remarks-on-new-talks-towards-increased-trade-environmental-goods>.

The negotiations for an environmental goods agreement (EGA) will be open to all WTO Members that are prepared to eliminate tariffs on a set of environmental goods, building on the list of 54 environmental goods endorsed by APEC Leaders in 2012. The list of 54 environmental goods endorsed by Asia-Pacific Leaders is available at http://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Leaders-Declarations/2012/2012_aelm/2012_aelm_annexC.aspx. Some WTO Members charge tariffs as high as 35 percent on some of these products. This list of products is the starting point for establishing the scope of the proposed agreement and we seek comments on additional products that could be included in the negotiations.

USTR is observing the relevant procedures of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804) with respect to notifying and consulting with Congress regarding such negotiations. The TPSC intends to hold a public hearing on specific issues pertaining to negotiations on an agreement to eliminate tariffs on environmental goods on June 5, 2014.

Comments From the Public and Hearing

The Chair of the TPSC invites interested persons to provide written comments and/or oral testimony at a public hearing that will assist USTR in assessing the proposed agreement. The TPSC Chair invites comments on all relevant matters, and, in particular, on the following: (1) Products that the United States should seek to include under the EGA, including a detailed description of the specific product, and as appropriate, the 6-digit (or 8-digit or 10-digit, where applicable) Harmonized System tariff classification number; (2) environmental uses and benefits of the products being proposed for inclusion; (3) U.S. trading partners that are significant producers or consumers of environmental goods; and (4) how best to ensure that such an agreement remains relevant into the future.

A hearing will be held on June 5, 2014, in Rooms 1 and 2, at 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by May 5, 2014. The notification should include: (1) The name, address, and