

Request form or otherwise requesting a copy of their medical records in writing. Although outside the scope of this SORN, the following has been inserted for clarification purposes only. There is no set procedure for how individuals detained in a facility where IHSC does not provide care request access to their records. Each facility has its own process and individuals seeking copies of their records should contact the chief administrative officer of the facility for guidance.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification procedure" above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification procedure" above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information may be obtained from the individual, immediate family members, physicians, nurses, dentists, medical laboratories and testing facilities, hospitals, other medical and dental care providers, other law enforcement or custodial agencies, other detention facilities, and public health agencies.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

Dated: December 11, 2014.

**Karen L. Neuman,**

*Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG-2014-1061]

**Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Working Group Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A working group of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee will meet to work on and review Task Statement 30, concerning evaluating military education, training, and assessment for the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 and U.S. Coast Guard Certifications. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee working group will meet on January 28 and 29, 2015, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please note that these meetings may adjourn early if all

business is finished. Written comments for distribution to working group members and inclusion on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee's Web site must be submitted by January 14, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The working group will meet in Room A129 of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. For further information on the location of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, please contact Mr. Brian Senft at (410)859-5700 or by email at [bsenft@CCMIT.org](mailto:bsenft@CCMIT.org).

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the working group, as listed in the "Agenda" section below. Written comments must be identified by Docket No. USCG-2014-1061, and submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number for the Docket Management Facility is 202-366-9329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the docket number in the "Search" field and follow instructions on the Web site.

A public oral comment period will be held each day during the working group meeting and speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment periods may end before the prescribed ending times following the

last call for comments. Contact Mr. Davis Breyer as indicated below no later than January 21, 2015 to register as a speaker.

This notice may be viewed in our online docket, USCG-2014-1061, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Davis Breyer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee, telephone 202-372-1445 or at [davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil](mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil). If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826 or 1-800-647-5527.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, title 5 United States Code Appendix.

The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee was established under the Secretary's authority under section 871 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, title 6, United States Code, section 451, and chartered under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards on matters relating to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine, including but not limited to training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards. The Committee will advise, consult with, and make recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary.

A copy of all meeting documentation, including the Task Statement, is available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/> by using these key strokes: Missions; Port and Waterways; Safety Advisory Committees; MERPAC; and then use the announcements key. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Breyer as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

**Agenda**

The agenda for the January 28, 2015, working group meeting is as follows:

(1) Comment period for all attendees to discuss information they have that might assist the working group and the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee in meeting its objectives for Task Statement 30, concerning evaluating military education, training, and assessment for the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for

Seafarers, 1978 and U.S. Coast Guard Certifications;

(2) The working group will review and develop proposed recommendations for Task Statement 30; and

(3) Adjournment of meeting.

The agenda for the January 29, 2015, working group meeting is as follows:

(1) The working group will review and develop proposed recommendations concerning evaluating military education, training, and assessment for the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 and U.S. Coast Guard Certifications;

(2) Public comment period;

(3) The working group will discuss and finalize proposed recommendations for the full committee to consider with regards to Task Statement 30, concerning evaluating military education, training, and assessment for the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 and U.S. Coast Guard Certifications; and

(4) Adjournment of meeting.

Dated: December 29, 2014.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2548-14; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2013-0001]

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#### Extension and Redesignation of the Syrian Arab Republic for Temporary Protected Status

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is extending the designation of the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months, from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and redesignating Syria for TPS for 18 months, effective April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

The extension allows currently eligible TPS beneficiaries to retain TPS

through September 30, 2016, so long as they otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. The redesignation of Syria allows additional individuals who have been continuously residing in the United States since January 5, 2015 to obtain TPS, if otherwise eligible. The Secretary has determined that an extension of the current designation and a redesignation of Syria for TPS are warranted because the ongoing armed conflict and other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prompted the 2013 TPS redesignation have not only persisted, but have deteriorated, and because the ongoing armed conflict in Syria and other extraordinary and temporary conditions would pose a serious threat to the personal safety of Syrian nationals if they were required to return to their country.

Through this Notice, DHS also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of Syria (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Syria) either to: (1) Re-register under the extension if they already have TPS and to apply for renewal of their Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); or, (2) submit an initial registration application under the redesignation and apply for an EAD.

For individuals who have already been granted TPS under the 2012 original Syria designation or under the 2013 Syria redesignation, the 60-day re-registration period runs from January 5, 2015 through March 6, 2015. USCIS will issue new EADs with a September 30, 2016 expiration date to eligible Syria TPS beneficiaries who timely re-register and apply for EADs under this extension. Given the timeframes involved with processing TPS re-registration applications, DHS recognizes that not all re-registrants will receive new EADs before their current EADs expire on March 31, 2015. Accordingly, through this Notice, DHS automatically extends the validity of EADs issued under the TPS designation of Syria for 6 months, through September 30, 2015, and explains how TPS beneficiaries and their employers may determine which EADs are automatically extended and their impact on Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) and E-Verify processes.

Under the redesignation, individuals who currently do not have TPS (or an initial TPS application pending) may submit an initial application during the 180-day initial registration period that runs from January 5, 2015 through July 6, 2015. In addition to demonstrating continuous residence in the United

States since January 5, 2015 and meeting other eligibility criteria, initial applicants for TPS under this redesignation must demonstrate that they have been continuously physically present in the United States since April 1, 2015, the effective date of this redesignation of Syria, before USCIS may grant them TPS.

TPS initial applications that were either filed during 2012 designation or during the 2013 Syria redesignation and remain pending on January 5, 2015 will be treated as initial applications under this 2015 redesignation. Individuals who have a pending initial Syria TPS application will not need to file a new Application for Temporary Protected Status (Form I-821). DHS provides additional instructions in this Notice for individuals whose TPS applications remain pending and who would like to obtain an EAD valid through September 30, 2016.

**DATES: Extension of Designation of Syria for TPS:** The 18-month extension of the TPS designation of Syria is effective April 1, 2015, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2016. The 60-day re-registration period runs from January 5, 2015 through March 6, 2015.

**Redesignation of Syria for TPS:** The redesignation of Syria for TPS is effective April 1, 2015, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2016, a period of 18 months. The 180-day initial registration period for new applicants under the Syria TPS redesignation runs from January 5, 2015 through July 6, 2015.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- For further information on TPS, including guidance on the application process and additional information on eligibility, please visit the USCIS TPS Web page at <http://www.uscis.gov/tps>. You can find specific information about this extension and redesignation of Syria for TPS by selecting "TPS Designated Country: Syria" from the menu on the left side of the TPS Web page.

- You can also contact the TPS Operations Program Manager at the Family and Status Branch, Service Center Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2060; or by phone at (202) 272-1533 (this is not a toll-free number). Note: The phone number provided here is solely for questions regarding this TPS Notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries.

- Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases