

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10752]

Meeting of the United States-Korea Environmental Affairs Council and Environmental Cooperation Commission

ACTION: Notice of the third meetings of the Environmental Affairs Council, established pursuant to the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement and of the Environmental Cooperation Commission established under the United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are providing notice that the United States and the Republic of Korea (Korea) intend to hold the third meetings of the Environmental Affairs Council (EAC) and Environmental Cooperation Commission (ECC) in Washington, DC, on May 13 and 14, 2019.

DATES: The EAC and ECC meetings will be held on May 13–14, 2019, in Washington, DC, at the U.S. Department of State. Written comments and suggestions should be submitted no later than May 10, 2019, to facilitate consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions should be submitted to both: (1) Tiffany Prather, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, U.S. Department of State, by electronic mail to PratherTA@state.gov with the subject line “U.S.-Korea EAC/ECC Meetings”; and

(2) Maureen Hinman, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative, by electronic mail to Maureen.E.Hinman@ustr.eop.gov with the subject line “U.S.-Korea EAC/ECC Meetings.”

If you have access to the internet, you can view and comment on this notice by going to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/home> and searching on its Public Notice number: [DOS–2019–0008].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tiffany Prather, telephone (202) 647–4548, or Maureen Hinman, telephone (202) 395–9501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the EAC meeting, the United States and Korea (collectively the Parties) will discuss their respective implementation of and progress under the Environment Chapter (Chapter 20) of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA). During the ECC meeting, the

Parties will review the results of environmental cooperation under the 2016–2018 Work Program. The Parties also expect to approve a new 2019–2021 Work Program. All interested persons are invited to attend a public session on May 14, 2019, following the EAC and ECC meetings where they will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss implementation of Chapter 20 and U.S.-Korean environmental cooperation with Council and Commission Members. For further information, please contact Tiffany Prather or Maureen Hinman.

The Department of State and USTR invite interested organizations and members of the public to submit written comments or suggestions regarding implementation of Chapter 20, the Work Programs, the meeting agendas, or any issues that should be discussed at the meetings. In preparing comments or suggestions, submitters are encouraged to refer to: (1) The Environment Chapter of the United States-Korea FTA; (2) the United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA); (3) the United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Commission 2016–2018 Work Program; and (4) the Final Environmental Review of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. These documents are available at www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/c49687.htm

Article 20.6.1 of the United States-Korea FTA establishes an EAC, which oversees implementation of Chapter 20. The United States and Korea established the ECC when they signed the ECA, negotiated in concert with the FTA, on January 23, 2012. In Articles 3 and 4 of the ECA, the Parties state that they plan to meet to develop and update, as appropriate, a Work Program for Environmental Cooperation. The Work Program will identify and outline environmental cooperation priorities, on-going efforts, and possibilities for future cooperation.

Please refer to the Department of State website at www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/c49687.htm and the USTR website at www.ustr.gov for more information.

Brian P. Doherty,

Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10753]

Notice of Public Meeting

SUMMARY: The Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission will meet on May 10, 2019.

DATES: The meeting will take place via teleconference on May 10, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time.

ADDRESSES: The teleconference call-in number is toll-free 877–336–1831, passcode 6472335, and will have a limited number of lines for members of the public to access from anywhere in the United States. Callers will hear instructions for using the passcode and joining the call after dialing the toll-free number noted. Members of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference must contact the OES officer in charge as noted in the **FOR MORE INFORMATION** section below no later than close of business on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Staci MacCorkle, Office of Marine Conservation. Telephone (202) 647–3010, email address MacCorkleSK@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is given that the Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) will meet on the date and time noted above. The Panel consists of members from the states of Alaska and Washington who represent the broad range of fishing and conservation interests in anadromous and ecologically related species in the North Pacific. Certain members also represent relevant state and regional authorities. The Panel was established in 1992 to advise the U.S. Section of the NPAFC on research needs and priorities for anadromous species, such as salmon, and ecologically related species occurring in the high seas of the North Pacific Ocean. The upcoming Panel meeting will focus on a review of the agenda for the 2019 annual meeting of the NPAFC (May 13–17, 2019; Portland, Oregon). Background material is available from the point of contact noted above and by visiting www.npafc.org.

This announcement might appear in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days prior to the meeting. The Department of State finds that there is an exceptional circumstance in that this advisory committee meeting must be held on May 10 in order to prepare for the

NPAFC annual meeting, to be convened on May 13, 2019.

David F. Hogan Jr.,

Acting Director, Office of Marine Conservation Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10739]

Exercise of Authority Under Section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; Notice of Determination

Following consultations with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, the Secretary of State hereby concludes, as a matter of discretion in accordance with the authority granted by section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(i), as amended, and considering the national security and foreign policy interests deemed relevant in these consultations, that INA section 212(a)(3)(B)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i), excluding subclause (i)(II), shall not apply with respect to an alien, for purposes of any visa or other immigration-related application, for any activity or association relating to the Kataeb militias, provided that the alien satisfies the relevant agency authority that the alien:

(a) Is seeking a benefit or protection under the INA and has been determined to be otherwise eligible for the benefit or protection;

(b) Has undergone and passed all relevant background and security checks;

(c) Has fully disclosed, to the best of his or her knowledge, in all relevant applications and interviews with U.S. government representatives and agents, the nature and circumstances of all activities or associations falling within the scope of INA section 212(a)(3)(B)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i);

(d) Has not participated in, or knowingly provided material support to, terrorist activities that targeted noncombatant persons, or U.S. interests;

(e) Has not engaged in terrorist activity, not otherwise exempted, outside the context of the Lebanese civil war of 1975–1990;

(f) Poses no danger to the safety and security of the United States; and

(g) Warrants an exemption from the relevant inadmissibility provisions in the totality of the circumstances.

Implementation of this determination will be made by U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Services (USCIS) or by U.S. consular officers, as applicable, who shall ascertain, to their satisfaction, and in their discretion, that the particular applicant meets each of the criteria set forth above. The exercise of authority described herein may be revoked at any time as a matter of discretion and without notice. Any determination made under this exercise of authority as set out above can inform but shall not control a decision regarding any subsequent benefit or protection application, unless such exercise of authority has been revoked.

This exercise of authority shall not be construed to prejudice, in any way, the ability of the U.S. government to commence subsequent criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with U.S. law involving any beneficiary of this exercise of authority or any other person. This exercise of authority is not intended to create any substantive or procedural right or benefit that is legally enforceable by any party against the United States or its agencies or officers or any other person.

In accordance with section 212(d)(3)(B)(ii) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(ii), a report on the aliens to whom this exercise of authority is applied, on the basis of case-by-case decisions by the U.S. Department of State or by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, shall be provided to the specified congressional committees not later than 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.

The foregoing determination is based on assessments related to the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States as they apply to the particular category of persons described herein and shall not have any application with respect to any other persons or to other provisions of U.S. law.

Dated: April 19, 2019.

Michael R. Pompeo,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice: 10738]

Exercise of Authority Under Section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act

Following consultations with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, the Secretary of State hereby concludes, as a matter of

discretion in accordance with the authority granted by section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(i), as amended, and considering the national security and foreign policy interests deemed relevant in these consultations, that INA section 212(a)(3)(B)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i), excluding subclause (i)(II), shall not apply with respect to an alien, for purposes of any visa or other immigration-related application, for any activity or association relating to the Lebanese Forces militias, provided that the alien satisfies the relevant agency authority that the alien:

(a) Is seeking a benefit or protection under the INA and has been determined to be otherwise eligible for the benefit or protection;

(b) Has undergone and passed all relevant background and security checks;

(c) Has fully disclosed, to the best of his or her knowledge, in all relevant applications and interviews with U.S. government representatives and agents, the nature and circumstances of all activities or associations falling within the scope of INA section 212(a)(3)(B)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i);

(d) Has not participated in, or knowingly provided material support to, terrorist activities that targeted noncombatant persons, or U.S. interests;

(e) Has not engaged in terrorist activity, not otherwise exempted, outside the context of the Lebanese civil war of 1975–1990;

(f) Poses no danger to the safety and security of the United States; and

(g) Warrants an exemption from the relevant inadmissibility provisions in the totality of the circumstances.

Implementation of this determination will be made by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or by U.S. consular officers, as applicable, who shall ascertain, to their satisfaction, and in their discretion, that the particular applicant meets each of the criteria set forth above. The exercise of authority described herein may be revoked at any time as a matter of discretion and without notice. Any determination made under this exercise of authority as set out above can inform but shall not control a decision regarding any subsequent benefit or protection application, unless such exercise of authority has been revoked.

This exercise of authority shall not be construed to prejudice, in any way, the ability of the U.S. government to commence subsequent criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with U.S. law involving any beneficiary of this exercise of authority or any other