published as a notice in the **Federal Register** and expires after one year.

In designating countries to include on the list, DHS, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, will take into account factors including, but not limited to: (1) The country's cooperation with respect to issuance of travel documents for citizens, subjects, nationals and residents of that country who are subject to a final order of removal; (2) the number of final and unexecuted orders of removal against citizens, subjects, nationals and residents of that country; (3) the number of orders of removal executed against citizens, subjects, nationals and residents of that country; and (4) such other factors as may serve the U.S. interest. *See* 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(1)(i) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(1).

In December 2008, DHS published in the **Federal Register** two notices, "Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H–2A Visa Program," and "Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H–2B Visa Program," designating 28 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H–2A and H–2B programs. *See* 73 FR 77,043 (Dec. 18, 2008); 73 FR 77,729 (Dec. 19, 2008). The initial designations were composed of countries that are important for the operation of the H–2A and H–2B programs and are cooperative in the repatriation of their citizens, subjects, nationals or residents who are subject to a final order of removal from the United States. The notices cease to have effect at the end of one year after January 17 and January 18, 2009 respectively. *See* 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(2) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(3).

Following consultations with the Department of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security finds, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that the 28 countries designated in the December 18 and 19, 2008 notices continue to meet the standards identified in those notices for eligible countries and therefore should remain designated as countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H–2A and H–2B programs.

Furthermore, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, finds that it is now appropriate to add 11 additional countries to the list of countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H–2A and H–2B programs. This determination is made taking into account the four factors identified above. The Secretary of Homeland Security considered other pertinent factors; including, but not limited to, evidence of past usage of the H–2A and H–2B programs by nationals of the countries to be added, as well as evidence relating to the economic impact on particular U.S. industries or regions resulting from the addition or continued non-inclusion of specific countries. In consideration of all of the above, this notice designates for the first time Croatia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ireland, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, and Uruguay as countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H–2A and H–2B programs.

Designation of Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible To Participate in the H–2A and H–2B Visa Programs

Pursuant to the authority provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security under sections 241, 214(a)(1), and 215(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1231, 1184(a)(1), and 1185(a)(1)), I have designated, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that nationals from the following countries are eligible to participate in the H–2A and H–2B visa programs:

Argentina, Australia, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay.

This notice does not affect the status of aliens who currently hold H–2A or H–2B nonimmigrant status.

Nothing in this notice limits the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security or his or her designee or any other federal agency to invoke against any foreign country or its nationals any other remedy, penalty or enforcement action available by law.

Janet Napolitano,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2009–0160]

Homeland Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: The Office of Policy, DHS.

ACTION: Committee management; Notice of partially closed federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) will meet on February 3, 2010, in New York, New York. The meeting will be partially closed to the public.

DATE: The HSAC will meet February 3, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the meeting is open to the general public from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST. The meeting is closed from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then again from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The open portion of the meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt New York, 109 East 42nd Street at Grand Central Terminal, in the Empire Ballroom in New York, New York. Requests to have written material distributed to each member of the committee prior to the meeting must reach the below contact person by January 25, 2010. Comments must be identified by **Federal Register** Notice DHS–2009–0160 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail: HSAC@dhs.gov.* Fax: 202–282–9207.
- *Mail:* Homeland Security Advisory Council, 1100 Hampton Park Boulevard, Mailstop 0850, Capitol Heights, MD 20745.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and DHS–2009–0160. Comments received will be posted without alteration at *http://www.regulations.gov,* including provided personal information.

Docket: For docket access to read background documents or comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Homeland Security Advisory Council, (202) 447–3135, *HSAC@dhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The HSAC provides independent advice to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to aid in the creation and implementation of critical and actionable policies and capabilities across the spectrum of homeland security operations. The HSAC periodically reports to the Secretary, as requested, on such matters. The HSAC serves as the Secretary's primary advisory body with the goal of providing strategic, timely and actionable advice.

The HSAC will meet publicly to swear in new Council members, receive observations and remarks from DHS senior leadership, and review and deliberate recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council's Sustainability and Efficiency Task Force and receive a report from the Quadrennial Review Advisory Council on its support of the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review program.

Closed portions of the meeting will include updates on operational challenges, intelligence briefings, and pre-decisional policies. The briefings will include information on sensitive homeland security procedures and the capabilities of the Department of Homeland Security components. The meeting will also include informational briefings of the Department's sensitive processes including law enforcement and transportation security procedures. HSAC members will receive classified and sensitive intelligence briefings during the closed session.

Basis for Closure: In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, it has been determined that this HSAC meeting concerns matters that would likely "disclose investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, or information which if written would be contained in such records * * * [and] the production of such records or information would * * * disclose investigative techniques and procedures", 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E), and would likely "significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action" within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). Discussion of ongoing investigations with Department of Homeland Security enforcement Components and outside law enforcement partners fall within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552b(7)(E) insofar as they will "disclose investigative techniques and procedures." Additionally, release of information presented during the briefings and the nature of the discussion would lead to premature disclosure of information on Department of Homeland Security actions that would be "likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action." Therefore, the portion of the HSAC's meeting from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. EST and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST is closed to the public.

Public Attendance: Members of the public must pre-register to attend the public session and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis per the above procedures. For security reasons, we request that any member of the public wishing to attend the public session provide his or her full legal name, date of birth, e-mail, and phone number to the HSAC no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on January 25, 2010. Please submit requests to attend via e-mail at *HSAC@dhs.gov* or via phone at (202) 447–3135. Photo identification may be required for entry into the public session. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Those attending the public session of the meeting must be present and seated by 9:30 a.m.

Identification of Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the HSAC as soon as possible.

Dated: January 14, 2010.

Rebecca L. Sharp,

Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day notice of information collection for review; Form G–79A, Information relating to beneficiary of private bill; OMB Control No. 1653–0026.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE), has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 22, 2010.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Joseph M. Gerhart, Chief, Records Management Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street, SW., Room 3138, Washington, DC 20536; (202) 732–6337.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 22, 2010. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Information Relating to Beneficiary of Private Bill.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form G–79A, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individual or Households. The information is needed to report on Private Bills to Congress when requested.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 responses at 1 hour (60 minutes) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 100 annual burden hours.

Requests for a copy of the proposed information collection instrument, with instructions; or inquiries for additional information should be requested via e-mail to: *forms.ice@dhs.gov* with "Form G–79A" in the subject line.

Dated: January 6, 2010.

Joseph M. Gerhart,

Chief, Records Management Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

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