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## PART 52—MARRIAGES

Sec.

- 52.1 Celebration of marriage.
- 52.2 Authentication of marriage and divorce documents.
- 52.3 Certification as to marriage laws.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 4, 63 Stat. 111, as amended; 22 U.S.C. 2658.

### § 52.1 Celebration of marriage.

Foreign Service officers are forbidden to celebrate marriages.

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### § 52.2 Authentication of marriage and divorce documents.

(a) Whenever a consular officer is requested to authenticate the signature of local authorities on a document of marriage when he was not a witness to the marriage, he shall include in the body of his certificate of authentication the qualifying statement, "For the contents of the annexed document, the Consulate (General) assumes no responsibility."

(b) A consular officer shall include the same statement in certificates of authentication accompanying decrees of divorce.

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### § 52.3 Certification as to marriage laws.

Although a consular officer may have knowledge respecting the laws of marriage, he shall not issue any official certificate with respect to such laws.

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## PART 53—PASSPORT REQUIREMENT AND EXCEPTIONS

Sec.

- 53.1 Passport requirement.
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- 53.3 Attempt of a citizen to enter without a valid passport.
- 53.4 Optional use of a valid passport.

AUTHORITY: 8 U.S.C. 1185; Proc. 3004, 18 FR 489, 3 CFR, 1949-1953 Comp., p. 180.

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### § 53.1 Passport requirement.

Under section 215(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1185(b)), it is unlawful except as otherwise provided for any citizen of the United States to depart from or enter, or attempt to depart from or enter, the United States without a valid passport.

### § 53.2 Exceptions.

A U.S. citizen is not required to bear a valid passport to enter or depart the United States:

(a) When traveling directly between parts of the United States as defined in § 50.1 of this chapter;

(b) When traveling between the United States and any country, territory, or island adjacent thereto in North, South or Central America excluding Cuba; provided, that this exception is not applicable to any such person when proceeding to or arriving from a place outside the United States for which a valid passport is required under this part if such travel is accomplished within 60 days of departure from the United States via any country or territory in North, South or Central America or any island adjacent thereto;

(c) When traveling as a bona fide seaman or air crewman who is the holder of record of a valid merchant mariner identification document or air crewman identification card;

(d) When traveling as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty;

(e) When he is under 21 years of age and is a member of the household of an official or employee of a foreign government or of the United Nations and is in possession of or included in a foreign passport;

(f) When he is a child under 12 years of age and is included in the foreign passport of an alien parent; however, such child will be required to provide evidence of his U.S. citizenship when entering the United States;

(g) When the citizen entering the United States presents a card of identity and registration issued by a consular office abroad to facilitate travel to the United States; or