

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Risk Prevention and Health Behavior.

*Date:* February 2, 2011.

*Time:* 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call.)

*Contact Person:* Claire E. Gutkin, *PhD*, MPH, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3106, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-3139, [gutkincl@csr.nih.gov](mailto:gutkincl@csr.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Molecular Neuropharmacology and Signaling Study Section.

*Date:* February 7-8, 2011.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Deborah L. Lewis, *PhD*, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4183, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-408-9129, [lewisdeb@csr.nih.gov](mailto:lewisdeb@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group; Skeletal Biology Development and Disease Study Section.

*Date:* February 9-10, 2011.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Sheraton Delfina, 530 West Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

*Contact Person:* Priscilla B. Chen, *PhD*, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1787, [chenp@csr.nih.gov](mailto:chenp@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Cellular and Molecular Biology of Neurodegeneration Study Section.

*Date:* February 9-10, 2011.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Monaco, 501 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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*Name of Committee:* Immunology Integrated Review Group; Innate Immunity and Inflammation Study Section.

*Date:* February 10-11, 2011.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Doubletree Guest Suites Santa Monica Hotel, 1707 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

*Contact Person:* Tina McIntyre, *PhD*, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-594-6375, [mcintyrt@csr.nih.gov](mailto:mcintyrt@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Integrated Review Group; Host Interactions with Bacterial Pathogens Study Section.

*Date:* February 11, 2011.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Marina del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

*Contact Person:* Fouad A El-Zaatari, *PhD*, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3186, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1149, [elzaataf@csr.nih.gov](mailto:elzaataf@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR08-130: International Research in Infectious Diseases including AIDS (IRIDA).

*Date:* February 11, 2011.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Marina del Rey Hotel, 1354 Bali Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

*Contact Person:* Soheyla Saadi, *PhD*, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3211, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-0903, [saadisoh@csr.nih.gov](mailto:saadisoh@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Collaborative: Cardiovascular Disease and Epidemiology.

*Date:* February 11, 2011.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* J Scott Osborne, *PhD*, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4114, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1782, [osbornes@csr.nih.gov](mailto:osbornes@csr.nih.gov).

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Dated: January 11, 2011.

**Jennifer S. Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2010-0087]

RIN 1601-ZA09

### Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible To Participate in the H-2A and H-2B Nonimmigrant Worker Programs

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may approve petitions for H-2A and H-2B nonimmigrant status only for nationals of countries that the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has designated by notice published in the **Federal Register**. That notice must be renewed each year. This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is identifying 53 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs for the coming year.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective January 18, 2011, and shall be without effect at the end of one year after January 18, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Hartman, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 282-9820.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* USCIS generally may approve H-2A and H-2B petitions only for nationals of countries that the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has designated as participating countries. Such designation must be published as a notice in the **Federal Register** and expires after one year. USCIS may, however, allow a national from a country not on the list to be named as a beneficiary of an H-2A or H-2B petition based on a determination that such participation is in the U.S. interest. See 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E).

In designating countries to include on the list, the Secretary of Homeland Security, 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," which designated 28 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs. *See* 73 FR 77043 (Dec. 18, 2008); 73 FR 7729 (Dec. 19, 2008). The notices ceased to have effect on January 17, 2010 and January 18, 2010, respectively. *See* 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(2) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(3).

To allow for the continued operation of the H-2A and H-2B programs, the Secretary of Homeland Security published, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, a notice in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2010, "Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible To Participate in the H-2A and H-2B Programs." The notice provided for the continued eligibility of the 28 countries initially listed in the **Federal Register** notices of January 17 and January 18, 2009, and added 11 additional countries. *See* 75 FR 2879 (Jan. 19, 2010).

The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that 38 countries previously designated in the January 19, 2010 notice continue to meet the standards identified in that notice for eligible countries and therefore should remain designated as countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs. The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, however, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that Indonesia should no longer continue to be designated as an eligible country because Indonesia is not meeting the standards set out in the regulation. *See* 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i)(F)(1)(i) and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(6)(i)(E)(1). Accordingly, DHS has removed Indonesia from the list of eligible countries.

Further, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has determined that it is now appropriate to add 15 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 Barbados, Estonia, Fiji, Hungary, Kiribati, Latvia, Macedonia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu 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 Nonimmigrant Worker Programs**

Pursuant to the authority provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security under sections 214(a)(1), and 215(a)(1) and 241 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(a)(1), 1185(a)(1), and 1231), 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 nonimmigrant worker programs:

Argentina  
Australia  
Barbados  
Belize  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Canada  
Chile  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Fiji  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Israel  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Kiribati  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Macedonia  
Mexico  
Moldova  
Nauru  
The Netherlands  
Nicaragua  
New Zealand

Norway  
Papua New Guinea  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Romania  
Samoa  
Serbia  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
South Africa  
South Korea  
Tonga  
Turkey  
Tuvalu  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom  
Uruguay  
Vanuatu

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

Nothing in this notice limits the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security 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**

**Coast Guard**

[USCG-2010-1116]

**Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee; Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee ("HOGANSAC" or "the Committee") and its working groups will meet in Texas City, Texas and Houston, Texas to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. These meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet on Thursday February 3, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Committee's working groups will meet on Thursday January 20, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before January 19, 2011. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed