

Additional Information

The DS-5513 is questionnaire is designed to help determine the entitlement of passport applicants. The DS-5513 is not designed to replace the DS-11, Application for a U.S. Passport, but rather to supplement the application when the applicant initially submits evidence that is insufficient to meet his/her burden of proving entitlement. The Department estimates that such supplemental information will only be requested for a small number of applicants, estimated to be less than 0.5% of applications received annually. For information on what documentation is required when submitting a DS-11, please refer to page two of the instructions.

The DS-5513 is largely based on the original Biographical Questionnaire for a U.S. Passport, posted on the **Federal Register** for public comment on February 24, 2011 (page 10421) and closed April 25, 2011.

Comments received from the original **Federal Register** posting were considered, and several suggestions were incorporated into the current version of the forms. The Department split the form into two shorter forms: the DS-5520 for identity questions and the DS-5513 for entitlement. Both revised forms assure applicants that failure to answer every question will not necessarily preclude passport issuance, as the responses to the questions in the forms are considered in their entirety.

In response to comments regarding burden and privacy concerns, the proposed forms amend many of the questions to more accurately obtain the information the Department is seeking. For example, on the DS-5513, the questions concentrate around the time of the applicant's birth and there are no longer any questions seeking information about periods of time beyond the applicant's 18th birthday.

The Department also received comments that expressed concern over the ability of an applicant who is adopted or elderly to answer the DS-5513's questions on birth circumstances. The form asks a wide range of questions related to the circumstances and facts surrounding an applicant's birth in order to accommodate the various situations in which Americans are born, whether hospital, home birth, non-institutional birth, etc. The Department realizes that most information an applicant supplies for this questionnaire surrounding his/her birth and early life will likely come from other sources and takes this into account during the adjudication process. In addition, many of these questions may not apply to

some applicants; however, in those instances where the questions are relevant, the supplemental form gives the applicant an opportunity to provide additional information that may support passport issuance.

Dated: May 9, 2012.

Barry J. Conway,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7941]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Bodies and Shadows: Caravaggio and His Legacy"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Bodies and Shadows: Caravaggio and His Legacy" imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, from on or about November 11, 2012, until on or about February 10, 2013; the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT, from on or about March 8, 2013, until on or about June 16, 2013, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

J. Adam Ereli,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7940]

Determination Under the Foreign Assistance Act and the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts

Pursuant to Section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (FAA), notice is hereby given that the Deputy Secretary of State has made a determination pursuant to Section 620H of the FAA, and Section 7021 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations, 2012 (Div. I, Pub. L. 112-74), and similar provisions in prior-year appropriations acts, and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

Vann H. Van Diepen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7942]

Suggestions for Environmental Cooperation Pursuant to the United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of preparation of and request for comments regarding the first United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Work Program.

SUMMARY: The Department invites the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the first Work Program for implementing the United States-Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement, which entered into force on March 15, 2012. We encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The U.S.—Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement; (2) Chapter 20 (Environment) of the U.S.—Korea Free

Trade Agreement; and (3) the Environmental Review of the U.S.—Korea Free Trade Agreement. These documents are available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/c49687.htm>.

DATES: To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than July 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions should be emailed to (MartirTorresMC@state.gov) or faxed ((202) 647-5947) to Maina Martir-Torres, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, with the subject line “U.S.-Korea Environmental Cooperation.” 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 docket number: DOS-2012-0040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Maina Martir-Torres, telephone (202) 647-4750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

U.S.-Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement

The United States—Korea Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) entered into force on March 15, 2012. The United States and Korea negotiated the ECA in parallel with the U.S.—Korea Free Trade Agreement. The ECA establishes a framework to promote cooperation on environmental protection, sustainable management of natural resources, conservation and protection of biodiversity, and strengthening of environmental law enforcement. Article 3 of the ECA establishes the Environmental Cooperation Commission (ECC), which is responsible for developing programs of work that reflect the parties’ priorities for cooperative environmental activities.

We are requesting suggestions for cooperative environmental activities to consider for inclusion in the first Work Program. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/c49687.htm>.

Disclaimer: This Public Notice is a request for comments and suggestions, and is not a request for applications. No granting of money is directly associated with this request for suggestions for the Work Program and Plan of Action. There is no expectation of resources or funding associated with any comments or suggestions for the Work Program or the Plan of Action.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

George Sibley,

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7943]

Suggestions for Environmental Cooperation Pursuant to the United States-Singapore Memorandum of Intent on Environmental Cooperation

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of preparation of and request for comments regarding the 2013–2014 United States—Singapore Plan of Action for Environmental Cooperation.

SUMMARY: The Department invites the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the next Plan of Action for implementing the U.S.—Singapore Memorandum of Intent on Cooperation in Environmental Matters (MOI), signed on June 13, 2003. In preparing such comments or suggestions, we encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The U.S.—Singapore MOI, (2) the U.S.—Singapore 2011–2012 Plan of Action on Environmental Cooperation, (3) the U.S.—Singapore FTA Environment Chapter, and (4) the Environmental Review of the FTA. These documents are available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/singapore/index.htm>.

DATES: To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than July 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions should be emailed to (MartirTorresMC@state.gov) or faxed (202) 647-5947) to Maina Martir-Torres, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, with the subject line “U.S.—Singapore Environmental Cooperation.” 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 docket number: DOS-2012-0042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maina Martir-Torres, telephone (202) 647-4750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

U.S.-Singapore Memorandum of Intent on Cooperation in Environmental Matters

The United States and Singapore signed the MOI on Cooperation in Environmental Matters, on June 13, 2003. The United States and Singapore negotiated the MOI in parallel with the U.S.—Singapore Free Trade Agreement. In Section 3 of the MOI, the Governments state that they plan to meet at least biennially to review the status of cooperation and to develop and update, as appropriate, a Plan of Action for Environmental Cooperation. The Plan of Action is a tool which identifies and outlines agreed upon environmental cooperation priorities, on-going efforts, and possibilities for future cooperation.

The mutually identified goals of cooperation under the 2011–2012 Plan of Action are: (1) Encouraging the bilateral and regional use of innovative and climate friendly environmental technology and pollution management techniques; (2) participating in regional initiatives on environmentally sustainable cities and sustainable management and trade in sustainably managed resources; and (3) further improving capacity to implement and enforce environmental laws, including further enhancing efforts of countries in the region to combat illegal trade in environmentally sensitive goods through bilateral and regional cooperative activities.

For the 2013–2014 Plan of Action, we anticipate building upon cooperative work initiated under previous Plans of Action. We are requesting suggestions that may be considered for inclusion in the next Plan of Action.

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/singapore/index.htm>.

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George Sibley,

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