

the Fee Policy requires OCC to set fees at a level sufficient to cover its operating expenses plus a Buffer. Conducting quarterly reviews allows OCC to monitor the fees collected and make any necessary adjustments to maintain the Buffer. However, delayed implementation of fee changes due to the 60-day waiting period and OCC's preference to introduce such changes at the beginning of the month increase the risk of an inaccurate fee calculation, which could in turn result in OCC collecting inadequate resources to cover its operating expenses and maintain the Buffer.

The Commission believes that setting clearing fees based on more current information would allow OCC to more accurately set and collect fees necessary to support its operations, and promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions. The Commission further believes that accurate fee calculations supports the protection of investors and the public by protecting participants from large and unexpected swings in fee levels resulting from fee schedules based upon stale and outdated information. While the proposed Fee Policy would shorten the notice period for implementation, the Commission believes that thirty days still provides sufficient notice for Clearing Members to make adjustments to their activity as a result of any impending fee change. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the proposed Fee Policy promotes the prompt and accurate settlement of securities transactions and protection of investors and the public interest, consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.<sup>17</sup>

#### *B. Consistency With Rule 17Ad-22(e)(21)*

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(21) requires, in part, that a covered clearing agency establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to be efficient and effective in meeting the requirements of its participants and the markets it serves.<sup>18</sup>

The Fee Policy requires OCC to set fees at levels designed to cover its operating expenses and to maintain the Buffer. As discussed above, the proposed Fee Policy would reduce the implementation period for fee changes from sixty to thirty days. The Commission believes the proposed change would enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of OCC's fee calculations by using more current expense and revenue information,

thereby leading to more accurate fee projections. Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of OCC's fee calculation process ensures that OCC is able to cover its operating expenses and maintain the Buffer, while also reducing the possibility of large and unexpected swings in fees that could result from using stale and outdated information. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the proposed Fee Policy would enhance OCC's efficiency and effectiveness in setting accurate fees necessary to cover its operating expenses and the Buffer, thereby enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness to meet the requirements of its participants and the markets it serves, consistent with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(21).<sup>19</sup>

#### **IV. Conclusion**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed Fee Policy is consistent with the requirements of the Act, and in particular, with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>20</sup> and Rule 17Ad-22(e)(21)<sup>21</sup> thereunder.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>22</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-OCC-2018-001) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated Authority.<sup>23</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 10353]**

#### **30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Foreign Diplomatic Services Applications (FDSA)**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested

individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to April 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Patrice Johnson at 3507 International Place NW, Washington DC 20008, who may be reached on 202-895-3504 or at [johnsonpd@state.gov](mailto:johnsonpd@state.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Foreign Diplomatic Services Applications (FDSA).
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* M/OFM.
- *Form Number:* DS-98, DS-99, DS-100, DS-101, DS-102, DS-104, DS-1504, DS-1972D, DS-1972T, DS-2003, DS-2004, DS-2005, DS-2006, DS-2008, DS-4138, DS-4139, DS-4140, DS-4155, DS-4284, DS-4285, DS-4298, DS-4299, DS-7675.
- *Respondents:* Foreign Mission Community.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 98,770.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 98,770.
- *Average Time per Response:* 12 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 20,726 hours annually.
- *Frequency:* For each specific event; annually.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory and/or Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(21).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(21).

<sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>23</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

Information collection instruments from the foreign mission community, to include the electronic data compilation (e-Gov), have been combined under one information collection request, collectively referred to as the “Foreign Diplomatic Services Applications.” These information collection instruments provide the Office of Foreign Missions and the Office of the Chief of Protocol with the information necessary to provide and administer an effective and efficient benefits, privileges, and immunities program by which foreign missions and eligible applicants may apply for benefits from the U.S. Department of State, to which they are entitled pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act or international agreement.

#### Methodology

Information may be received via Email, fax, or electronic submission through eGov at <https://egov.ofm.state.gov/>.

Cliff Seagroves,

Senior Bureau Official, Office of Foreign Missions, Department of State.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10357]

#### Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition Determinations: Exhibition of “Snow-Covered Field With a Harrow (after Millet)” Painting

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that a certain object, entitled “Snow-Covered Field with a Harrow (after Millet),” to be exhibited in the Impressionism and the Late Nineteenth Century Gallery of the Harvard Art Museums, imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United

States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from on or about March 23, 2018, until on or about July 10, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 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. 257–1 of December 11, 2015). I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

Alyson Grunder,

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10358]

#### Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Otobong Nkanga: To Dig a Hole that Collapses Again” Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain component objects of a certain work of art entitled “In Pursuit of Bling,” to be included in the exhibition “Otobong Nkanga: To Dig a Hole that Collapses Again,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The component objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit component objects as configured in the aforesaid work of art, at the Museum of Contemporary Art

Chicago, in Chicago, Illinois, from on or about March 31, 2018, until on or about September 2, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Alyson Grunder,

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10360]

#### Determination and Certification Under Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act Relating to the Largest Exporting and Importing Countries of Certain Precursor Chemicals

Pursuant to Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby determine and certify that the top five exporting and importing countries and economies of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine (Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom) have cooperated fully with the United States, or have taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives established by the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

This determination and certification shall be published in the **Federal Register**, and copies shall be provided to the Congress together with the