

and need to be better understood by ethicists, researchers, policymakers, and the general public. The purpose of the public workshop is to provide a forum for careful consideration of scientific, ethical, and regulatory issues confronting FDA and other stakeholders in the area of medical countermeasures and public health preparedness.

*Date and Time:* The public workshop will be held on February 15, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and February 16, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Location:* The public workshop will be held at the Rockville Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Cindy de Sales, (240) 316-3207, FAX: (240) 316-3201, email: [cindy@tepgevents.com](mailto:cindy@tepgevents.com).

*Registration:* Please use the following Web site to register online: <http://www.contractmeetings.com>.

Alternatively, you can email or fax your registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone and fax numbers) to the contact person by February 1, 2012. There is no registration fee for the public workshop. Early registration is recommended because seating is limited. Registration on the day of the public workshop will be provided on a space available basis beginning at 8 a.m.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Cindy de Sales (see *Contact Person*) at least 7 days in advance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workshop will include plenaries and breakout sessions on the ethical and regulatory challenges in the development of medical countermeasures for the pediatric population. Topics of the breakout sessions will include: (1) Institutional Review Board preparedness to review study protocols relevant to pediatric medical countermeasures; (2) potential scientific and ethical justifications for conducting *pre-event* pediatric medical countermeasures research; (3) leveraging new technologies to develop pediatric medical countermeasures; and (4) risk communication related to pediatric treatment and research during public health emergencies. The workshop also will include discussion of a number of case studies to facilitate discussion of the challenges of pediatric medical countermeasure development and deployment.

*Transcripts:* Transcripts of the public workshop may be requested in writing from the Division of Freedom of Information (ELEM-1029), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Element Bldg., Rockville, MD

20857, approximately 15 working days after the public workshop at the cost of 10 cents per page. A transcript of the public workshop will be available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0002. Transcripts may also be viewed at the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Dated: January 12, 2012.

**David Dorsey,**

*Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

A portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4), and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Advisory Board Ad hoc Subcommittee on Global Cancer Research.

*Open:* February 27, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Agenda:* Discussion on Global Cancer.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Ted Trimble, Executive Secretary, NCAB Ad hoc Subcommittee on Global Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Boulevard, EPN/7025, Rockville,

MD 20892-8345, (301) 496-2522, [trimblet@mail.nih.gov](mailto:trimblet@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Advisory Board.

*Open:* February 28, 2012, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* Program reports and presentations; business of the Board.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Closed:* February 28, 2012, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* Review of grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Paulette S. Gray, Executive Secretary, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, 8th Floor, Room 8001, Bethesda, MD 20892-8327, (301) 496-5147.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Advisory Board.

*Open:* February 29, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* Program reports and presentations; business of the Board.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Paulette S. Gray, Executive Secretary, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, 8th Floor, Room 8001, Bethesda, MD 20892-8327, (301) 496-5147.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: [deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/ncab.htm](http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/ncab.htm), where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 11, 2012.

**Jennifer S. Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory  
Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2011-0108]

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### 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 58 countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B programs for the coming year. New countries on this year's list include Haiti, Iceland, Montenegro, Spain, and Switzerland.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective January 18, 2012, and shall be without effect at the end of one year after January 18, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francis Cissna, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 447-3835.

**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 77,043 (Dec. 18, 2008); 73 FR 77,729 (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 December 18 and December 19, 2008, and added 11 additional countries. See 75 FR 2,879 (Jan. 19, 2010). A notice in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2011, "Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H-2A and H-2B Programs," provided for the continued eligibility of 38 of the countries listed in the 2010 notice, removed Indonesia from the list, as Indonesia was not meeting the standards set forth in the regulation, and added 15 countries. See 76 FR 2,915 (Jan. 18, 2011).

The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that the 53 countries previously designated in the January 18, 2011 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. Further, the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, has determined that it is now appropriate to add five 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 also 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 Haiti, Iceland, Montenegro, Spain, and Switzerland 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 non-immigrant worker programs:

Argentina  
Australia  
Barbados  
Belize  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Canada  
Chile  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Fiji  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Jamaica