

data. Our public access plan summarizes our research programs, what research will be publicly accessible, proposed requirements, and actions we are taking to implement the plan. We appreciate public comments on the following questions.

1. *Scope and Applicability*—Our public access plan defines the scope of what research will be publicly accessible, including limitations to protect privacy of personally identifiable information. As we implement our public access plan, is there additional public access we should consider?

2. *Digital Repositories*—We will require that federally funded scientific research results are publicly accessible for free, including final scientific research reports, peer-reviewed scholarly publications, and the underlying scientific research data used to produce reports and publications, to the extent permitted by applicable law. We will require that final research publications are permitted to be available in an SSA-designated repository that we will select in 2024. Underlying scientific research data must be deposited in a repository and in a form that meets SSA's requirements. What types of digital repositories do researchers prefer for providing public access to research data? What should SSA consider as we develop requirements for which data repositories researchers may use?

3. *Costs*—For the expenses that researchers incur for providing public access, we may allow reasonable costs as part of a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other research award. What information is available to help us estimate the costs associated with providing public access to scientific research publications and data? How can we minimize those costs to maximize the funds available for research awards?

4. *SSA Research Information and Training*—Our public access plan provides information about our existing website where we describe our research programs. We will consider providing a new web page as a single point of access for information about our research programs, including how to find publicly accessible research publications and data. What information, guidance, or training about public access could we provide to help researchers and their institutions, beginning with applying for a research opportunity through the time of final publication?

5. *Equitable Research*—How can we ensure equity in research opportunities and access as we implement public

access requirements, and what challenges might certain institutions face with public access, including costs and publishing opportunities?

The Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, Martin O'Malley, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to Faye I. Lipsky, who is the primary Federal Register Liaison for SSA, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Faye I. Lipsky,

Federal Register Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 557]

Redelegation of Authority to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange

ACTION: Delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The State Department is publishing a Delegation of Authority signed by the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs on May 6, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lee A. Satterfield, Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, signed the following "Redelegation of Authority to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange" on May 6, 2024. The State Department maintains the original document.

(Begin text.)

Redelegation of Authority to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange.

By virtue of the authority vested in me and in accordance with Delegation of Authority No. 236-3, dated August 28, 2000, I hereby re-delegate to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, the authority to exercise the following-described authorities:

1. To the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, the functions in section 102 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural

Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2452) (relating to the provision by grant, contract or otherwise for a wide variety of educational and cultural exchanges), sections 101(a)(15)(J) and 212(j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J) and 1182(j)), and Division C, Title VI, Subtitle D, section 641 of Public Law 104-208 (8 U.S.C. 1372(h)(2)(A)) (relating to the designation of exchange visitor programs and related functions) as they relate to:

a. The suspension or revocation of responsible officers and the suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation of exchange visitor programs;

b. The promulgation of regulations and issuance of policy guidance governing the Exchange Visitor Program; and

c. The performance of any other duties of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary identified in 2 CFR 62.50.

2. To the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, the functions in section 102 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2452) (relating to the provision by grant, contract or otherwise for a wide variety of educational and cultural exchanges), sections 101(a)(15)(J) and 212(j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J) and 1182(j)), and section 641 of Public Law 104-208 (8 U.S.C. 1372(h)(2)(A)) (relating to the designation of exchange visitor programs and related functions) as they relate to:

a. Designation, denial of designation, and redesignation of exchange visitor programs;

b. The promulgation of regulations (and issuance of policy guidance) governing the Exchange Visitor Program; and

c. All other Exchange Visitor Program matters not otherwise addressed in the Exchange Visitor Program regulations.

In exercising this authority, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange shall consult, as necessary, with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Assistant Secretary and Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs retain, and may at any time exercise, any function or authority redelegated herein.

All actions related to the responsibilities described herein which have been taken pursuant to any authority delegated prior to this Order or delegated by this Order, and which have been taken prior to and are in effect on the date of this Order, are hereby confirmed and ratified. Such

actions shall remain in force as if taken under this Order, unless or until rescinded, amended or superseded.

This delegation supersedes ECA Delegation of Authority 239 (March 10, 2000). This delegation does not rescind any existing delegation of authority pertaining to section 102 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2452).

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

(End text.)

Kevin E. Bryant,

Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 556]

Delegation of Authority Appointment of Members to Certain Committees Compact of Free Association

By virtue of the authority vested the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including 22 U.S.C. 2651a, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the authority to appoint one member each to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Joint Trust Fund Committee, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Trust Fund Committee, the FSM Joint Economic Management Committee, and the RMI Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee, pursuant to sections 205 and 206 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024 (Div. G, Title II, Pub. L. 118-42).

Provided that, the appointments to the FSM Joint Economic Management Committee and the RMI Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee will be after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs may exercise any function or authority delegated by this delegation. This delegation of authority does not rescind or modify any other delegation of authority.

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

Dated: April 30, 2024.

Antony J. Blinken,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12394]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party

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 up to June 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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 Andrea Battista, who may be reached at BattistaAL@state.gov or 202-663-3136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0227.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- *Originating Office:* Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Department of State (T/PM/DDTC).
- *Form Number:* DS-7789.
- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies registered with DDTC and engaged in the business of manufacturing, brokering, exporting, or temporarily importing defense hardware or defense technology data.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 698.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 698.
- *Average Time per Response:* 2 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 1396 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

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.
- 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

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120-130), has the principal missions of taking final action on license applications and other requests for defense trade transactions via commercial channels, ensuring compliance with the statute and regulations, and collecting various types of reports. By statute, Executive Order, regulation, and delegation of authority, DDTC is charged with controlling the export and temporary import of defense articles, the provision of defense services, and the brokering thereof, which are covered by the U.S. Munitions List.

ITAR §§ 122.4 and 129.8 requires registrants to notify DDTC in the event of a change in registration information or if the registrant is a party to a merger, acquisition, or divestiture of an entity producing or marketing ITAR-controlled items. Based on certain conditions enunciated in the ITAR, respondents must notify DDTC of these changes at differing intervals—no less than 60 days prior to the event, if a foreign person is acquiring a registered entity, and/or within 5 days of its culmination. This information is necessary for DDTC to ensure registration records are accurate and to determine whether the