

(if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in the email subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• *Title of Information Collection:* Application for a U.S. Passport: Corrections, Name Change Within 1 Year of Passport Issuance, And Limited Passport Holders.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0160.
• *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services (CA/PPT).

• *Form Number:* DS–5504.
• *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.
• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 138,000.
• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 138,000.
• *Average Time per Response:* 40 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 92,000 hours.
• *Frequency:* On occasion.
• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain 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.
• 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 Application for a U.S. Passport: Corrections, Name Change Within 1 Year of Passport Issuance, And Limited Passport Holders (DS–5504) is the form used by current passport holders who need to re-apply for a passport, at no charge.

This form has been amended based on a change in Department policy. The Department's new policy permits passport applicants to select the gender marker on their passport without presenting medical documentation of

gender transition. This policy change includes updating forms to add a third gender marker “X” for applicants identifying as non-binary, intersex, and/or gender non-conforming (in addition to the existing “M” and “F” gender markers).

Methodology

Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the DS–5504, “Application for a U.S. Passport: Corrections, Name Change Within 1 Year of Passport Issuance, And Limited Passport Holders”. Passport applicants can either download the DS–5504 from the internet or obtain the form from an Acceptance Facility/Passport Agency. The form must be completed, signed, and be submitted by mail (or in person at Passport Agencies domestically or embassies/consulates overseas).

Rachel M. Arndt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 517]

Delegation of Authority Under Presidential Proclamation (PP) 10043 To Determine That an Applicant's Entry is in the National Interest

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a) and the Presidential Proclamation of May 29, 2020 titled *Suspension of Entry as Nonimmigrants of Certain Students and Researchers From the People's Republic of China*, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the authority under section 2(a)(vii) of said Presidential Proclamation to determine that an applicant's entry into the United States would be in the national interest.

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Management may exercise any function or authority delegated by this delegation. The authorities delegated herein may be re-delegated, to the extent authorized by law.

This Delegation of Authority does not supersede or otherwise affect any other delegation of authority currently in

effect and will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 25, 2021.

Antony J. Blinken,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11487]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for a U.S. Passport

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. 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 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to November 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS–2021–0020” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form. Email and regular mail options have been suspended to centralize receiving and addressing all comments in a timely manner.

• 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 Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in the email subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• *Title of Information Collection:* Application for a U.S. Passport.
• *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0004.
• *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).
• *Form Number:* DS–11.

- *Respondents*: Individuals or Households.
 - *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 9,217,667.
 - *Estimated Number of Responses*: 9,217,667.
 - *Average Time per Response*: 85 minutes.
 - *Total Estimated Burden Time*: 13,058,362 hours.
 - *Frequency*: On occasion.
 - *Obligation to Respond*: 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.
 - 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 DS-11 solicits data necessary for Passport Services to issue a United States passport (book and/or card format) pursuant to authorities granted to the Secretary of State by 22 U.S.C. 211a *et seq.*, and Executive Order (E.O.) 11295 (August 5, 1966) for the issuance of passports to U.S. nationals. The issuance of U.S. passports requires the determination of identity, nationality, and entitlement with reference to the provisions of Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1401–1504), the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, other applicable treaties and laws, and implementing regulations at 22 CFR parts 50 and 51. The specific regulations pertaining to the Application for a U.S. Passport are at 22 CFR 51.20 through 51.28.

This form has been amended based on a change in Department policy. The Department's new policy permits passport applicants to select the gender marker on their passport without presenting medical documentation of gender transition. This policy change includes updating forms to add a third

gender marker “X” for applicants identifying as non-binary, intersex, and/or gender non-conforming (in addition to the existing “M” and “F” gender markers).

Methodology

The information collected on the DS-11 is used to facilitate the issuance of passports to U.S. citizens and nationals. The primary purpose of soliciting the information is to establish citizenship, identity, and entitlement to the issuance of a U.S. passport, and to properly administer and enforce the laws pertaining to the issuance thereof.

Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the Application for a U.S. Passport. Passport applicants can either download the DS-11 from the internet or obtain one from an Acceptance Facility/Passport Agency or U.S. embassy/consulate abroad. The form must be completed and executed at an acceptance facility, passport agency, or U.S. embassy/consulate (if abroad), and submitted with evidence of citizenship and identity.

Rachel M. Arndt,

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

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2021-0016]

Request for Comments on Significant Foreign Trade Barriers for the National Trade Estimate Report

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), publishes the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE Report) each year. USTR invites comments to assist it and the TPSC in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods and services, U.S. foreign direct investment, and the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights for inclusion in the NTE Report. USTR also will consider responses to this notice as part of the annual review of the operation and effectiveness of all U.S. trade agreements regarding telecommunications products and

services that are in force with respect to the United States.

DATES: October 26, 2021 at midnight EST; Deadline for submission of comments.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). The instructions for submitting comments are in section IV below. The docket number is USTR-2021-0016. For alternatives to online submissions, please contact Spencer Smith at Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-2974 before transmitting a comment and in advance of the deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Spencer Smith at Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-2974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 181 of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended (19 U.S.C. 2241), requires USTR annually to publish the NTE Report, which sets out an inventory of the most significant foreign barriers affecting U.S. exports of goods and services, including agricultural commodities, U.S. intellectual property, U.S. foreign direct investment by U.S. persons, especially if such investment has implications for trade in goods or services, and U.S. electronic commerce. The inventory facilitates U.S. negotiations aimed at reducing or eliminating these barriers and is a valuable tool in enforcing U.S. trade laws and strengthening the rules-based trading system. You can find the 2021 NTE Report on USTR's website at <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/reports-and-publications>. To ensure compliance with the statutory mandate for the NTE Report and the Administration's commitment to focus on the most significant foreign trade barriers, USTR will take comments in response to this notice into account in deciding which restrictions to include in the NTE Report.

II. Topics on Which the TPSC Seeks Information

To assist USTR in preparing the NTE Report, commenters should submit information related to one or more of the following categories of foreign trade barriers:

1. *Import policies.* Examples include tariffs and other import charges, quantitative restrictions, import licensing, pre-shipment inspection, customs barriers and shortcomings in trade facilitation or in valuation