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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agreement between SBA and VA is expected to aid in the transition and identifying qualified veterans. VA maintains a list of veterans and service-disabled veterans and will provide SBA with this data. To accomplish this, VA and SBA will participate in a Computer Matching program to match data to identify what veterans are qualifying veterans and to verify eligibility for SBA's certification program. The average number of records being matched on an annual basis is 18,910.

Participating Agencies

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Small Business Administration

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

1. Section 862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law 116–283, 134 Stat. 3388 (January 1, 2021) (NDAA 2021), amended 38 U.S.C. 8127 and transferred the responsibility for certification of VOSB and SDVOSB for VA procurements to SBA as of January 1, 2023 (Transfer Date). NDAA 2021 also amended Section 36 of the Small Business Act to create a certification requirement for SDVOSBs seeking sole source and set-aside contracts across the Federal Government.

2. Pursuant to section 862(b) of the NDAA 2021, VA shall verify an individual's status as a veteran or a service-disabled veteran and establish a system to permit SBA to access, but not alter, the verification of such status.

3. Pursuant to section 862(d) of the NDAA 2021, upon request by SBA, federal agencies shall provide data that SBA determines to be necessary to carry out the certification of a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or service-disabled under sections 36 and 36A of the Small Business Act.

Purpose(s)

To be eligible for certification in SBA's Veteran Small Business Certification Program, an applicant's small business must be owned and controlled by one or more qualifying veterans. A "qualifying veteran" is a

veteran as defined by 38 U.S.C. 101(2) or a service-disabled veteran. A service-disabled veteran is an individual that possesses either a valid disability rating letter issued by VA, establishing a service-connected rating between 0 and 100 percent, or a valid disability determination from the Department of Defense or is registered in the Beneficiary Identification and Records Locator Subsystem maintained by Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Benefits Administration as a service-disabled veteran. Reservists or members of the National Guard disabled from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty or while in training status also qualify. VA maintains a list of veterans and service-disabled veterans and will provide SBA with this data. To accomplish this, VA and SBA will participate in a Computer Matching program to match data in order to identify what veterans are qualifying veterans and to verify eligibility for SBA's certification program.

Categories of Individuals

An applicant's small business must be owned and controlled by one or more qualifying veterans.

Categories of Records

Information relating to applicants' small business owned or controlled by veterans for certification.

Specific data elements to match from SBA are: Veteran Business Owner applicant's first name, last name, street address 1, street address 2, birth date, city, state, country, zip code, and optional elements: middle name and gender. VA will respond from match to SBA and return: Veteran's combined disability rating (disability rating and combined effective date); Service-connected determination (individual ratings, decision, effective date, and rating percentage; and Title 38 Veteran status data (veteran status). As of March 2023, VA will not give out social security numbers for new Veteran accounts. SSN will not be used in this match.

System(s) of Records

"Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA (58 VA 21/22/28)" last amended at 86 FR 61858 (November 8, 2021). "Veterans Affairs Profile—VA, (192VA30)," established at 87 FR 36207 (June 15, 2022). "Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Identity Repository (VADIR)—VA (138VA005Q)," last amended at 74 FR 142 (July 27, 2009), is in the process of being republished. "Government

Contracting and Business Development System", SBA 30 system of records, as provided by 86 FR 19078. SBA is currently updating SBA 30 which will not impact this matching agreement.

Larry Stubblefield,

Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, United State Small Business Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11937]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: "New Photography 2023: Kelani Abass, Akinbode Akinbiyi, Yagazie Emezi, Amanda Iheme, Abraham Oghobase, Karl Ohiri, Logo Oluwamuyiwa" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the exhibition "New Photography 2023: Kelani Abass, Akinbode Akinbiyi, Yagazie Emezi, Amanda Iheme, Abraham Oghobase, Karl Ohiri, Logo Oluwamuyiwa" at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Chiu, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: *section2459@state.gov*). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (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 Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Stacy E. White,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11938]

Designation of Osama Mehmood, Atif Yahya Ghouri, Muhammad Maruf, and Qari Amjad as Specially Designated Global Terrorists

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(a)(ii)(B) of E.O. 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by E.O. 13268 of July 2, 2002, E.O. 13284 of January 23, 2003, and E.O. 13886 of September 9, 2019, I hereby determine that the persons known as Osama Mehmood (also known as Usama Mahmud, Abu Zar, Atta Ullah, Zar Wali); Atif Yahya Ghouri (also known as Yahya Shoaib Ghauri, Qari Atif, Qari Ibrahim, Atif Ghauri); and Muhammad Maruf (also known as Ali Hamzah, Maulana Musanna, Maulana Ubaidullah) are leaders of al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent, and the person known as Qari Amjad (also known as Mufti Hazrat, Mufti Muzahim) is a leader of Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan, groups whose property and interests in property are currently blocked pursuant to a determination by the Secretary of State pursuant to E.O. 13224.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of E.O. 13224 that prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously, I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

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

Authority: E.O. 13224.

Dated: November 8, 2022.

Antony J. Blinken,
Secretary of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2022–0016]

Request for Comments and Notice of a Public Hearing Regarding the 2023 Special 301 Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Each year, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) conducts a review to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property (IP) rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. Based on this review, the U.S. Trade Representative determines which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. USTR requests written comments that identify acts, policies, or practices that may form the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country or placement on the Priority Watch List or Watch List.

DATES:

January 30, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written comments from the public.

February 13, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written comments from foreign governments.

February 22, 2023: Deadline for the Special 301 Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (Subcommittee) to pose questions on written comments.

March 7, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of commenters' responses to questions from the Subcommittee.

On or about April 28, 2023: USTR will publish the 2023 Special 301 Report within 30 days of the publication of the National Trade Estimate Report.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly encourages electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the submission instructions in section IV below. The docket number is USTR–2022–0016. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact USTR at Special301@ustr.eop.gov before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ariel Gordon, Director for Innovation and Intellectual Property, at Special301@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395–6862. You can find information about the Special 301 Review at <https://www.ustr.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), commonly known as the Special 301 provisions, requires the U.S. Trade Representative to identify countries that deny adequate and effective IP protections or fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. The Trade Act requires the U.S. Trade Representative to determine which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country can be subject to the procedures set out in sections 301–305 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2411–2415).

In addition, USTR has created a Priority Watch List and Watch List to assist in pursuing the goals of the Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IP protection, enforcement, or market access for persons that rely on intellectual property protection. Trading partners placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

USTR chairs the Subcommittee, which reviews information from many sources, and consults with and makes recommendations to the U.S. Trade Representative on issues arising under Special 301. Written submissions from the public are a key source of information for the Special 301 review process. As discussed below, in 2023, in lieu of an in-person hearing, the Subcommittee will submit written questions to commenters as part of the review process and will allow commenters to provide written responses. At the conclusion of the process, USTR will publish the results of the review in a Special 301 Report.

USTR requests that interested persons identify through the process outlined in this notice those countries the acts, policies, or practices of which deny adequate and effective protection for IP rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. The Special 301 provisions also require the U.S. Trade Representative to identify any act, policy, or practice of Canada that affects cultural industries, was adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under Article 32.6 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) (as defined in section 3 of the USMCA Implementation Act). USTR invites the public to submit