

4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁴ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay and designate the proposed rule change operative upon filing so that the expected benefits to Exchange Users from use of the Tool would not be delayed. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Commission notes that other self-regulatory organizations have similar functionality¹⁵ and that this filing raises no new regulatory issues. Therefore, the Commission designates the proposal operative upon filing.¹⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BATS-2009-019 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2009-019. This file number should be included on the

change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has complied with this requirement.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59354 (February 3, 2009), 74 FR 6683 (February 10, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2008-101) (Approval of NYSE Risk Management Gateway).

¹⁶ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2009-019 and should be submitted on or before August 4, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6692]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-7655, Iraqi Citizens and Nationals Employed by U.S. Federal Contractors, Grantees, and Cooperative Agreement Partners, OMB Control Number 1405-0184

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

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Iraqi Citizens and Nationals Employed by

U.S. Federal Contractors, Grantees, and Cooperative Agreement Partners.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0184.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* A/LM.
- *Form Number:* DS-7655.
- *Respondents:* Federal contractors, grantees, and cooperative agreement partners of the Department of State.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 50.
- *Average Hours per Response:* .50.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 100 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from July 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Rob Lower, Department of State, A/LM Room 525, P.O. Box 9115 Rosslyn Station, Arlington, VA 22219, who may be reached at 703-875-5822 or at lower@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the 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.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007 was included in the National Defense

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Authorization Act of 2008 which became Public Law 110–181 on 28 January 2008. Section 1248(c) of this Act requires the Secretary of State to request from each Department of State prime contractor, grantee, or cooperative agreement partner that has performed work in Iraq since March 20, 2003, under a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the Department that is valued in excess of \$25,000, information that can be used to verify the employment of Iraqi citizens and nationals by such contractor, grantee or cooperative agreement partner. To the extent possible, biographical information, to include employee name, date(s) of employment, biometric, and other data must be collected and used to verify employment for the processing and adjudication of refugee, asylum, special immigrant visa, and other immigration claims and applications.

Methodology

The Department of State will collect the information via electronic submission.

Additional Information

This information collection will be used to fulfill the requirements under Section 1248(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–181).

Dated: July 1, 2009.

William H. Moser,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Logistics Management, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the United States Trade Representative

[Public Notice 6693]

Notice of Public Meeting and Solicitation of Written Comments

Title: Written Comments Concerning the Administration's Review of the U.S. Model Bilateral Investment Treaty.

SUMMARY: The Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), co-leads of the U.S. bilateral investment treaty (BIT) program, are soliciting written comments and will hold a public meeting concerning the Administration's review of the U.S. model BIT. The review is intended to ensure that the model BIT is consistent with the public interest and the overall U.S. economic agenda. The key question is whether the current model text, last

updated in 2004, achieves these objectives or whether there are changes that should be made.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on July 29, 2009, from 9 a.m.–12 noon and 2 p.m.–5 p.m. (or until business is concluded) in the Loy Henderson Auditorium of the Harry S. Truman Building of the Department of State (Truman Building). Representatives from the Department of State and USTR will chair the meeting. To provide for efficient conduct of the meeting, persons wishing to speak at the meeting are requested to provide a written summary of their remarks in advance; however, failure to do so will not bar a person from speaking. Speakers will be asked to limit their remarks to five minutes. Written comments submitted under this notice are due by 5 p.m. on July 31.

ADDRESSES: To gain admission to the Department of State for the meeting, RSVP by 5 p.m. on July 23 with the following information, which will be used to expedite admission to the Truman Building:

- Full name.
- Date of birth.
- Driver's license state and number or passport number.

We request that RSVPs also include the organization, agency, or company affiliation of each individual (if any). RSVPs should also include any requests for reasonable accommodation, which should be made before July 23. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill. To support full and effective participation of persons with disabilities, the Loy Henderson is equipped with wheelchair accessible podiums and ramps. RSVPs should be sent by e-mail to Model_BIT_RSVP@state.gov or by fax to (202) 647–0320. The Truman Building is located at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20520. PERSONS ATTENDING THE JULY 29 PUBLIC MEETING MUST ENTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE 23rd STREET ENTRANCE OF THE TRUMAN BUILDING.

Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to Model_BIT_Review@state.gov and jonathan_kallmer@ustr.eop.gov or, for those with access to the Internet, may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. If needed, comments may be submitted by fax to (202) 647–0320 or (202) 395–3891. Please note that all comments submitted under this notice will be posted on [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and will be accessible to the general public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Tracton, State Department BIT Coordinator, at (202) 736–4060, or Jonathan (Josh) Kallmer, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Investment, at (202) 395–9451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The United States negotiates BITs on the basis of a model text, last updated in 2004. The model may be viewed on the State Department Web site (<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/117601.pdf>) or the USTR Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/U.S.%20model%20BIT.pdf>). The United States is presently a Party to BITs with 40 countries (list available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/ifd/bit/117402.htm>). In addition to the above-mentioned public meeting and the opportunity to submit written comments, the Administration is seeking advice from State Department's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy and from statutory advisory committees that advise USTR and the Department of Commerce.

Dated: July 8, 2009.

Wesley S. Scholz,

Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State.

Dated: July 8, 2009.

Jonathan S. Kallmer,

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Investment, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services of Taiwan (Known in the World Trade Organization as “the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu” (Chinese Taipei))

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Determination regarding waiver of discriminatory purchasing requirements under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 15, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–9476.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2008, the WTO Committee