

government and the financials of state-owned enterprises, and making public the criteria for all natural resource tenders.

Uzbekistan: The budget process is not transparent, as budget discussions in the legislative branch are not open to the public. Only a general overview of the budget is publicly available; a breakdown of revenues and expenditures by ministry is not disclosed. Information on revenue from the extraction and sale of natural resources is not available to the public. While criteria for awarding natural resource contracts are publicly available, the process of awarding contracts in practice is not transparent. Uzbekistan's fiscal transparency would be enhanced by making the budget publicly available. Uzbekistan's fiscal transparency would be further enhanced by providing information on revenue from the extraction and sale of natural resources and ensuring the process of awarding contracts is transparent.

Yemen: Yemen's annual budget lacks sufficient information regarding allocations to and revenue from significant state-owned enterprises. The supreme audit institution does not publish its annual verifications that statements of revenues and expenditures meet internationally accepted accounting principles. Yemen's fiscal transparency would be enhanced by providing sufficient detail in the section of the budget devoted to state-owned enterprises. Yemen's fiscal transparency would be further enhanced if the supreme audit institution were to make such audits public each year.

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe's budget lacks transparency with regard to financial flows to and from significant state-owned enterprises and with regard to natural resource revenues, including mining contracts. Zimbabwe's fiscal transparency would be enhanced by improving transparency in its budget management, including greater transparency on the country's debts, and including a substantially complete picture of natural resource revenues in the budget. Zimbabwe's fiscal transparency would be further enhanced by making public the criteria and process for awarding natural resource contracts and licenses and the basic terms of those contracts, such as to whom licenses have been awarded, which resources are covered, and the length of the contract or license.

Dated: December 31, 2014.

Heather Higginbottom,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9009]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Staging the Ukrainian Avant-Garde of the 1910s and 1920s" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 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, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Staging the Ukrainian Avant-Garde of the 1910s and 1920s," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Ukrainian Museum, New York, NY, from on or about February 7, 2015, until on or about September 13, 2015, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including lists of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: January 14, 2015.

Kelly Keiderling,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9008]

In the Matter of the Designation of 'Abdallah al-Ashqar Also Known as Abdallah al-Ashqar; Also Known as Abdallah al-Ashqar; Also Known as 'Abdallah al-Ashqar; Also Known as Abdallah Jihad al-Ashqar; Also Known as 'Abdallah Jihad Musa al-Ashqar; Also Known as Abdallah Jihad al Ashqar; Also Known as Abu al Muhtasib al Maqdisi; Also Known as Muhandes al-Tawhid; Also Known as Muhandis al-Tawhid; Also Known as Abu al Muhtasib; Also Known as Abu-al-Muhtasib al-Maqdisi; Also Known as Abu-Hajir; Also Known as Abdallah Ashkar as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the individual known as 'Abdallah al-Ashqar, also known as Abdallah al-Ashqar, also known as Abdallah al-Ashqar, also known as 'Abdallah al-Ashqar, also known as Abdallah Jihad al-Ashqar, also known as 'Abdallah Jihad Musa al-Ashqar, also known as Abdallah Jihad al Ashqar, also known as Abu al Muhtasib al Maqdisi, also known as Muhandes al-Tawhid, also known as Muhandis al-Tawhid, also known as Abu al Muhtasib, also known as Abu-al-Muhtasib al-Maqdisi, also known as Abu-Hajir, also known as Abdallah Ashkar, committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 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**.

Dated: January 8, 2015.

John F. Kerry,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic Mobile Harbor Crane with 100 tons minimum capacity for the Virginia Ports Authority.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is January 22, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via email at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Jomar Maldonado, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1373, or via email at Jomar.Maldonado@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

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Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate in procurement of non-domestic Mobile Harbor Crane, 100 tons minimum capacity for the Virginia Ports Authority.

In accordance with Division A, section 122 of the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012" (Pub. L. 112-55), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for non-domestic Mobile Harbor Crane with 100 tons minimum capacity (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=100>) on October 8th. The FHWA received no comments in response to the publication. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of Mobile Harbor Crane with 100 tons minimum capacity. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of the Mobile Harbor Crane with 100 tons minimum capacity.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the Virginia waiver page noted above.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410)

Dated: January 9, 2015.

Gregory G. Nadeau,

Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD 2015-0006]

Agency Requests for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection(s): Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The purpose of the collection is to aid in identifying oceangoing vessels that may be both useful and

available to the Department of Defense for deploying U.S. military equipment (such as tanks and other tracked and wheeled vehicles) and the full range of supplies (including petroleum products and fuel) necessary to sustain a force in a foreign theater of operations. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by March 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2015-0006] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russ Krause, 202-366-1031, Division of Sealift Operations and Emergency Response, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Control Number: 2133-0511.

Title: Effective U.S. Control/Parent Company.

Form Numbers: N/A.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company collection consists of an inventory of foreign-registered vessels owned by U.S. citizens. Specially, the collection consists of responses from vessel owners verifying or correcting vessel ownership data and characteristics found in commercial publications. The information obtained could be vital in a national or international emergency and is essential to the logistical support planning operations conducted by Maritime Administration officials.

Respondents: U.S. citizens who own foreign-registered vessels.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Frequency: Annually.

Number of Responses: 60.

Total Annual Burden: 30 Hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c)