

BURDEN BREAKDOWN—Continued

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart M	Reporting requirement	Burden per requirement	Average annual responses	Annual burden hours
1303; 1304	*Submit revisions or modifications to unit agreement, unit operating agreement, plan of operation, change of unit operator, etc.	6 hours	285 revisions/modifications.	1,710
1303; 1304	*Submit initial, and revisions to, participating area.	48 hours	24 submissions	1,152
1304(d)	Request hearing on required unitization ...	1 hour	1 request	1
1304(e)	Submit statement at hearing on compulsory unitization.	4 hours	1 statement	4
1304(e)	Submit three copies of verbatim transcript of hearing.	1 hour	1 submission	1
1304(f)	Appeal final order of compulsory under unitization.	Burden covered 1010–0121		0
1300–1304	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart M regulations.	2 hours	130 requests	260
Total Hour Burden			460	5,396

* These requirements are specified in each Unit Agreement.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: Section 250.1304(d) provides an opportunity for parties notified of compulsory unitization to request a hearing. Section 250.1304(e) requires the party seeking the compulsory unitization to pay for the court reporter and three copies of the verbatim transcript of the hearing. It should be noted there have been no such hearings in the recent past, and none are expected in the near future. We estimate the paperwork cost burden would be less than \$250.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *”. Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on March 28, 2002, we published a **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 14968) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, 30 CFR 250.199 provides the OMB control numbers for the information collection requirements imposed by the regulations and forms. That regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days.

Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by August 12, 2002.

Public Comment Policy: Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent’s identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this

prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208–7744.

Dated: June 7, 2002.

E.P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2221–02]

Meeting on Proposed Safe Third Country Agreement With Canada for Asylum Seekers

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) and the Department of State (DOS) are engaged in formal negotiations with the Canadian government to enter into an agreement that would limit the access of asylum seekers, under appropriate circumstances, to the system of only one of the two countries (safe third-country agreement). The purpose of this notice

is to announce that the Service and the DOS are holding a meeting to solicit views from the public concerning the terms of a proposed safe third-country agreement.

DATES AND TIMES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Immigration and Naturalization Service Headquarters, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20536; Shaughnessy Conference Room, Sixth Floor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Georgia Papas, Office of International Affairs, Asylum Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20536; telephone (202) 514-6029; fax (202) 305-0827; e-mail Georgia.Papas@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is the Purpose of This Meeting?

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit the views of non-governmental organizations and other interested members of the public regarding the terms of a safe third-country agreement between the United States and Canada.

What Would Such an Agreement Do?

This agreement, when finalized, will limit asylum seekers' access, in certain circumstances, to the asylum system of the last of the two countries where they have been present.

What Legal Authority Permits the United States To Enter Into Such an Agreement?

The United States asylum laws contain provisions that make certain aliens ineligible to apply for asylum if they can be removed to a prescribed "safe third country." Specifically, section 208(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) permits any alien who arrives in the United States to apply for asylum. However, section 208(a)(2)(A) provides that such an alien may not apply for asylum in the United States if the Attorney General determines that the person can be removed to a country pursuant to a bilateral or multilateral agreement (other than the country of the alien's nationality or, in the case of an alien having no nationality, the country of the alien's last habitual residence) where he or she would not face persecution and would have access to a full and fair procedure for determining a claim to asylum or equivalent temporary protection.

What Recent Governmental Actions Support Pursuing This Agreement?

On December 3, 2001, Attorney General John Ashcroft signed an accord with then Canadian Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Elinor Caplan, and the Solicitor General, Lawrence MacAuley, agreeing "to begin discussions on a safe third-country exception to the right to apply for asylum." The accord provided, "Such an arrangement would limit the access of asylum seekers, under appropriate circumstances, to the system of only one of the two countries." Additionally, the Office of Homeland Security's Action Plan for Creating a Secure and Smart Border includes the negotiation of a safe third-country agreement as 1 of 30 shared initiatives between the United States and Canada.

Where Can the Public Obtain a Copy of the Proposed Agreement Prior to the August 1, 2002, Meeting?

Beginning on July 15, 2002, the public will be able to obtain a copy of the proposed agreement on the Service's Internet Web site at: <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>.

What Is the Agenda for This Meeting?

There will be an overview of the terms of the draft agreement and an opportunity for public comment.

Who Can Attend This Meeting?

The meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating and to arrange for appropriate clearance into the building. Persons planning to attend should notify the contact person at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before the meeting, or promptly afterward, to the contact person for consideration by the Service and the DOS.

Dated: July 5, 2002.

James W. Ziglar,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Public Announcement; Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Blvd., Fourth Floor, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of Previous Commission Meeting.
2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, Legal, Chief of Staff, Case Operations, and Administrative Sections.
3. Proposal to adopt retroactive application of 28 CFR § 2.80.
4. Proposals to clarify and make corrections to the following rules: 28 CFR 2.75(a)(1) and (2); 28 CFR 2.80; 28 CFR 2.82(a); 28 CFR 2.86; 28 CFR 2.106(a), (b), and (d); 28 CFR 2.208(f) and 28 CFR 2.219.

AGENCY CONTACT: Sam Robertson, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5962.

Dated: July 9, 2002.

Michael Stover,

Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Public Announcement; Pursuant To The Government In the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

AGENCY: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

DATE AND TIME: 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

PLACE: U.S. Parole Commission, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, 4th Floor, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS CONSIDERED: The following matter will be considered during the closed portion of the Commission's Business Meeting: Appeals to the Commission involving approximately five cases decided by the National Commissioners pursuant to a reference under 28 CFR 2.27. These cases were originally heard by an examiner panel wherein inmates of Federal prisons have applied for parole and are contesting revocation of parole or mandatory release.

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