

request the issuance of a driver license and/or a sales tax exemption card for foreign mission personnel and their dependents. The exemption from sales taxes and the operation of a motor vehicle in the United States by foreign mission personnel are benefits under the Foreign Missions Act, 22 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*, which must be obtained by foreign missions through the U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM). The DS-1972, DS-1972D, and DS-1972T applications provide OFM with the necessary information required to administer the two benefits effectively and efficiently. Sales tax exemption is enjoyed under the provisions of international law but is granted on the bases of reciprocity. The administration of driver licenses at the national level helps the Federal Government identify operators who repeatedly receive citations. This also helps the Federal Government determine the necessary course of action that may be required against an individual's driving privilege. Accordingly, the Federal Government is able to provide consistency of enforcement to the diplomatic community on a national level through a uniform program. The respondents are foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.

Methodology: These applications/information collections are submitted by all foreign missions to the Office of Foreign Missions via the following methods: mail, personal delivery, and/or electronically.

Dated: December 27, 2007.

Claude Nebel,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs; List of November 8, 2007, of Participating Countries and Entities (Hereinafter Known as "Participants") Under the Clean Diamond Trade Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-19) and Section 2 of Executive Order 13312 of July 29, 2003

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with sections 3 and 6 of the Clean Diamond Trade Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-19) and section 2 of Executive Order 13312 of July 29,

2003, the Department of State is identifying all the Participants eligible for trade in rough diamonds under the Act, and their respective Importing and Exporting Authorities, and revising the previously published list of August 31, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 169, page 50436-7) to include Republic of Congo.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Saarnio, Special Advisor for Conflict Diamonds, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State (202) 647-1713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4 of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (the "Act") requires the President to prohibit the importation into, or the exportation from, the United States of any rough diamond, from whatever source, that has not been controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS). Under section 3(2) of the Act, "controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme" means an importation from the territory of a Participant or exportation to the territory of a Participant of rough diamonds that is either (i) carried out in accordance with the KPCS, as set forth in regulations promulgated by the President, or (ii) controlled under a system determined by the President to meet substantially the standards, practices, and procedures of the KPCS. The referenced regulations are contained at 31 CFR Part 592 ("Rough Diamonds Control Regulations") (69 FR 56936, September 23, 2004).

Section 6(b) of the Act requires the President to publish in the **Federal Register** a list of all Participants, and all Importing and Exporting Authorities of Participants, and to update the list as necessary. Section 2 of Executive Order 13312 of July 29, 2003 delegates this function to the Secretary of State. Section 3(7) of the Act defines "Participant" as a state, customs territory, or regional economic integration organization identified by the Secretary of State. Section 3(3) of the Act defines "Exporting Authority" as one or more entities designated by a Participant from whose territory a shipment of rough diamonds is being exported as having the authority to validate a Kimberley Process Certificate. Section 3(4) of the Act defines "Importing Authority" as one or more entities designated by a Participant into whose territory a shipment of rough diamonds is imported as having the authority to enforce the laws and regulations of the Participant regarding imports, including the verification of the Kimberley Process Certificate accompanying the shipment.

List of Participants

Pursuant to section 3 of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (the Act), section 2 of Executive Order 13312 of July 29, 2003, and Delegation of Authority No. 294 (July 6, 2006), I hereby identify the following entities as of November 8, 2007, as Participants under section 6(b) of the Act. Included in this List are the Importing and Exporting Authorities for Participants, as required by section 6(b) of the Act. This list revises the previously published list of August 31, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 169 50436-7).

Angola—Ministry of Geology and Mines.
 Armenia—Ministry of Trade and Economic Development.
 Australia—Exporting Authority—Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources; Importing Authority—Australian Customs Service.
 Bangladesh—Ministry of Commerce.
 Belarus—Department of Finance.
 Botswana—Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources.
 Brazil—Ministry of Mines and Energy.
 Canada—Natural Resources Canada.
 Central African Republic—Ministry of Energy and Mining.
 China—General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.
 Democratic Republic of the Congo—Ministry of Mines.
 Republic of Congo—Ministry of Mines.
 Croatia—Ministry of Economy.
 European Community—DG/External Relations/A.2.
 Ghana—Precious Minerals and Marketing Company Ltd.
 Guinea—Ministry of Mines and Geology.
 Guyana—Geology and Mines Commission.
 India—The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council.
 Indonesia—Directorate General of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Trade.
 Israel—The Diamond Controller.
 Ivory Coast—Ministry of Mines and Energy.
 Japan—Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.
 Republic of Korea—Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy.
 Laos—Ministry of Finance.
 Lebanon—Ministry of Economy and Trade.
 Lesotho—Commissioner of Mines and Geology.
 Liberia—Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy.
 Malaysia—Ministry of International Trade and Industry.
 Mauritius—Ministry of Commerce.

Namibia—Ministry of Mines and Energy.
 New Zealand—Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
 Norway—The Norwegian Goldsmiths' Association.
 Russia—Gokhran, Ministry of Finance.
 Sierra Leone—Government Gold and Diamond Office.
 Singapore—Singapore Customs.
 South Africa—South African Diamond Board.
 Sri Lanka—National Gem and Jewellery Authority.
 Switzerland—State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.
 Taiwan—Bureau of Foreign Trade.
 Tanzania—Commissioner for Minerals.
 Thailand—Ministry of Commerce.
 Togo—Ministry of Mines and Geology.
 Turkey—Istanbul Gold Exchange.
 Ukraine—State Gemological Centre of Ukraine.
 United Arab Emirates—Dubai Metals and Commodities Center.
 United States of America—Importing Authority—United States Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; Exporting Authority—Bureau of the Census.
 Venezuela—Ministry of Energy and Mines.
 Vietnam—Ministry of Trade.
 Zimbabwe—Ministry of Mines and Mining Development.

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

John D. Negroponte,

Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Approval of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on a Short Form Environmental Assessment (EA); Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport; Springfield, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Approval of Documents.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public of the approval of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on an Environmental Assessment for proposed Federal actions at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield, Illinois. The FONSI specifies that the proposed federal

actions and local development projects are consistent with existing environmental policies and objectives as set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and will not significantly affect the quality of the environment.

A description of the proposed Federal actions is: (a) To issue an environmental finding to allow approval of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the development items listed below.

The items in the local airport development project are to: Acquire approximately 40 acres of residential land in fee simple title, including relocation assistance; demolish residential structures on acquired property; construct, light, and mark 1,000-foot northwesterly extension to Taxiway Bravo and connecting taxiway, including grading and drainage; clear and grub taxiway construction area; obtain borrow for Taxiway Bravo extension; implement declared distance concepts for Runway 13/31 to increase the usable length from 7,000 feet to a maximum usable length of 7,400 feet, including remarking; remove obstructions in Runway 13 approach; install/replace runway signage for Runway 13 Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI); relocate Runway 13 windcone; replace existing Medium Intensity Runway Lights (HIRLs) with High Intensity Runway Lights (HIRLs) on Runway 13/31; relocate Runway 31 windcone out of the Runway Safety Area; adjust vertically the Runway 31 Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) threshold bar; install new Runway 13/31 homeruns; construct 200-foot by 200-foot blast pad to Runway 31; replace Runway 13/31 surface sensor system; upgrade airfield vault regulators; upgrade Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) airfield lighting control system; and replace airport rotating beacon.

Copies of the environmental decision and the Short Form EA are available for public information review during regular business hours at the following locations:

1. Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, 1200 Capital Airport Drive, Springfield, IL 62707.
2. Division of Aeronautics-Illinois Department of Transportation, One Langhorne Bond Drive, Capital Airport, Springfield, IL 62707.
3. Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 320, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy B. Hanson, Environmental

Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, Room 320, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. Ms. Hanson can be contacted at (847) 294-7354 (voice), (847) 294-7046 (facsimile) or by E-Mail at amy.hanson@faa.gov.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on December 21, 2007.

James G. Keefer,

Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, FAA, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Gillespie County Airport, Fredericksburg, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Request to Release Airport Property.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Gillespie County Airport under the provisions of section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address:

Mr. Mike Nicely, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0650.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Roger Hansen, Airport Manager, at the following address:

101 West Main St., Unit #9, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Cooks, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0650, Telephone: (817) 222-5608, e-mail: Steven.Cooks@faa.gov, fax: (817) 222-5989.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA invites public comment on the request