

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 12479]****60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Overseas United States Citizen Vital Records Services****ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to *October 7, 2024*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to *www.Regulations.gov*. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS–2024–0026 in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form. Email and regular mail options have been suspended to centralize receiving and addressing all comments in a timely manner.

- *Email:* *Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov*.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in the email subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Overseas U.S. Citizen Vital Records Services.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0253.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

- *Originating Office:* Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).

- *Form Number:* DS–5542.
- *Respondents:* Individuals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 18,346.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 18,346.

- *Average Time per Response:* 40 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 12,230 hours.

- *Frequency:* On Occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Request for Overseas U.S. Citizen Vital Records Services is submitted to the Office of Record Management to request certified or authenticated copies of overseas U.S. citizen vital records such as Consular Reports of Birth/Death Abroad, Certificates of Witness to Marriage, and Panama Canal Zone documents pursuant to authorized requests. Requests for correction, amendment, or replacement of such vital records may be made using this form also.

Methodology

A PDF fillable form is available on the Department’s website, *travel.state.gov*, where it can be printed for manual signature and submission. The Request for Overseas U.S. Citizen Vital Records Services form may be submitted by mail to request certified or authenticated copies of overseas U.S. citizen vital records maintained by the Office of Record Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 12482]****Notice of Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) 82 Meeting**

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC, and via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the eighty-second session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 82) to be held in London, United Kingdom, from Monday, September 30, 2024, to Friday, October 04, 2024.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference line, which will handle 500 participants, or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in-person.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
- Air pollution prevention
- Energy efficiency of ships
- Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
- Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships
- Reduction of underwater radiated noise from ships
- Pollution prevention and response
- Reports of other sub-committees
- Identification and protection of Special Areas, ECAs and PSSAs
- Application of the Committees’ method of work
- Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- Election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2025
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MEPC 82 agenda to accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR