DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Shrimp Exporter's/Importer's Declaration

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

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. 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 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to September 16, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

• Email: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
• Fax: 202–395–5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Section 609 Program Manager, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520–2758, who may be reached on 202–647–3263 or at DS2031@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• Title of Information Collection: Shrimp Exporter's/Importer's Declaration.
• OMB Control Number: 1405–0095.
• Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
• Originating Office: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC).
• Form Number: DS–2031.
• Respondents: Business or other for-profit organizations.
• Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.
• Estimated Number of Responses: 10,000.
• Average Time per Response: 10 minutes.
• Total Estimated Burden Time: 1,666 hours.
• Frequency: On occasion.
• Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

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 DS–2031 form is necessary to document imports of shrimp and shrimp products pursuant to the Department's implementation of Section 609 of Public Law 101–162, which prohibits the entry into the United States of shrimp harvested in ways which are harmful to sea turtles. Respondents are shrimp or shrimp product exporters and government officials in countries that export shrimp or shrimp product to the United States. The importer is required to present the DS–2031 form at the port of entry into the United States, to retain the DS–2031 form for a period of three years subsequent to entry, and during that time to make the DS–2031 form available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the Department of State upon request.

Methodology: The DS–2031 form is completed by the exporter, the importer, and under certain conditions a government official of the harvesting country. The DS–2031 form accompanies shipments of shrimp and shrimp products to the United States and is to be made available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the time of entry and for three years after entry.

Dated: August 8, 2016.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Commission Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission published a document in the Federal Register of August 10, 2016 (81 FR 52946), concerning its regular business meeting on September 8, 2016, in Cooperstown, New York. The document was revised to update agenda item #6 and add an additional agenda item, to be addressed at the business meeting, contained below in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Otesaga Resort Hotel, Ballroom, 60 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238–2436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting will include actions or presentations on the following items: (1) Informational presentation of interest to the Upper Susquehanna Subbasin area; (2) proposed rescission of the Commission’s Information Technology Services Fee Policy; (3) ratification/approval of contracts/grants; (4) release of proposed rulemaking for public comment; (5) notice for Montage Mountain Resorts, LP project sponsor to appear and show cause before the Commission; and (6) Regulatory Program projects, including requests to extend emergency certificates for Furman Foods, Inc. and Standing Stone Golf Club. The business meeting may also include action on regulatory compliance matters for Panda Liberty LLC, Panda Patriot LLC, and Hummel Station LLC.

Projects and proposed rescission of the Commission’s Information Technology Services Fee Policy listed for Commission action are those that were the subject of a public hearing conducted by the Commission on
www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section 3 below. For alternatives to online submissions, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395–3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments or participating in the public hearing, contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395–3475. Direct all other questions regarding this notice to Betsy Hafner, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia, at (202) 395–9124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Russia became a Member of the WTO on August 22, 2012, and on December 21, 2012, following the termination of the application of the Jackson-Vanik amendment to Russia and the extension of permanent normal trade relations to the products of Russia, the United States and Russia both filed letters with the WTO withdrawing their notices of non-application and consenting to have the WTO Agreement apply between them. In accordance with section 201(a) of the Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–208), USTR is required to submit, by December 21st of each year, a report to Congress on the extent to which Russia is implementing the WTO Agreement, including the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The Report also must assess Russia’s progress on adhering to the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). In addition, to the extent that USTR finds that Russia is not implementing fully the WTO Agreement or is not making adequate progress in adhering to the ITA or the GPA, USTR must describe in the report the actions it plans to take to encourage Russia to improve its implementation and/or increase its accession efforts. In accordance with section 201(a), and to assist in preparing this year’s report, the TPSC is hereby soliciting public comment. Last year’s report is available on USTR’s Web site: https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/2015-Report-on-Implementation-Enforcement-Russia-WTO-Commitments.pdf


2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on Russia’s implementation of the commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas:

(a) import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses);
(b) export regulation;
(c) subsidies;
(d) standards and technical regulations;
(e) sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
(f) trade-related investment measures;
(g) taxes and charges levied on imports and exports;
(h) other internal policies affecting trade;
(i) intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement);
(j) services;
(k) rule of law issues (e.g., transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations);
(l) trade-related investment measures; and
(m) other WTO commitments.

You must submit written comments no later than Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

A hearing will be held on Friday, September 30, 2016, in Rooms 1 & 2, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016. The intent to testify notification must be made in the “Type Comment” field under docket number USTR–2016–0014 on the www.regulations.gov Web site and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony. A summary of the testimony should be attached by using the “Upload File” field. The name of the file also should include who will be presenting the testimony. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no