

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel Pilot Clinical Trials to Eliminate the Latent HIV Reservoir (U01).

Date: November 17, 2016.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS) Requirements: Identification of the People's Republic of China (PRC) as an EVUS Country and Designation of Maximum Validity B-1, B-2, and B-1/B-2 Visas as Designated Visa Categories

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this **Federal Register**, DHS is publishing a final rule titled "Establishment of the Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS)" (hereafter "EVUS Final Rule"), amending 8 CFR part 215, subpart B, to establish the Electronic Visa Update System and to specify certain requirements. According to the rule, nonimmigrant aliens who hold a passport issued by an identified country containing a U.S. nonimmigrant visa of a designated category will be required to provide biographic and other information to DHS by enrolling in EVUS to maintain the validity of those visas. The EVUS final rule specifies that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may identify countries and designate nonimmigrant visa categories for purposes of the EVUS requirements and that notice of identified countries and designated nonimmigrant visa categories will be published in the **Federal Register**. Through this notice, the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the Secretary of State, identifies the People's Republic of China (PRC) as an EVUS country and designates B-1, B-2, and B-1/B-2 visas issued without restriction for the maximum validity period, which is generally 10 years,¹ as designated visa categories when the visas are contained in a passport issued by the PRC.

DATES: This identification and designation is effective October 20, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

¹ This includes visas issued for more than nine years and all replacement visas issued to correct errors in the original instance.

Background

In this **Federal Register**, DHS is publishing a final rule titled "Establishment of the Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS)" amending 8 CFR part 215, subpart B, to establish the Electronic Visa Update System. EVUS is an online information update system that allows for the collection of biographic and other information from nonimmigrant aliens who hold a passport issued by an identified country containing a U.S. nonimmigrant visa of a designated category. See EVUS Final Rule. Nonimmigrant aliens subject to these regulations must periodically enroll in EVUS and obtain a notification of compliance prior to travel to the United States. As discussed in the Department of State's parallel rule, "Visa Information Update Requirements under the Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS)," also published in this **Federal Register**, individuals subject to the EVUS requirements must comply with the EVUS regulations in 8 CFR part 215, subpart B, in order to maintain the validity of their visas of a designated category.

As specified in 8 CFR 215.22, and explained in the EVUS Final Rule, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary's discretion and in consultation with the Secretary of State, may identify countries ("EVUS countries") whose passport holders will be subject to the EVUS regulations, if the passport contains a U.S. nonimmigrant visa of a designated category, and designate applicable visa categories. The regulations state that notice of identified countries and designated visa categories will be published in the **Federal Register**. See 8 CFR 215.22 and 8 CFR 215.23(c). This announcement provides such a notice.

Identification and Designation

Pursuant to 8 CFR 215.22, the Secretary, following consultation with the Secretary of State, identifies the People's Republic of China (PRC) as an EVUS country and designates all B-1, B-2, and B-1/B-2 visas issued without restriction for maximum validity, which generally will be 10 years, but includes visas issued for more than nine years and all replacement visas issued to correct errors in the original visa, as designated visa categories when the visas are contained in a passport issued by the PRC.

B nonimmigrant visas, often referred to as "visitor visas," are issued to individuals seeking to travel and be admitted to the United States temporarily for business (visa category B-1); for tourism or pleasure, (visa