

submit or inform us about written evidence unless they have compelling reasons for the delay (e.g., it was impractical to submit the evidence earlier because it was difficult to obtain or the representative was not aware of the evidence at an earlier date). In addition, it is only acceptable for a representative to inform us about evidence without submitting it if the representative shows that, despite good faith efforts, he or she could not obtain the evidence. Simply informing us of the existence of evidence without providing it or waiting until 5 days before a hearing to inform us about or provide evidence when it was otherwise available, may cause unreasonable delay to the processing of the claim, without good cause, and may be prejudicial to the fair and orderly conduct of our administrative proceedings. As such, this behavior could be found to violate our rules of conduct and could lead to sanction proceedings against the representative.

Pursuant to the Act, we may, after due notice and opportunity for hearing, suspend or prohibit from further practice before the Commissioner a representative who refuses to comply with our rules and regulations or who violates any provision for which a penalty is prescribed.<sup>24</sup>

We will evaluate each circumstance on a case-by-case basis to determine whether to refer a possible violation of our rules to our Office of the General Counsel (OGC). For example, in accordance with the regulatory interpretation discussed above, we may refer a possible violation of rules to OGC when:

- A representative informs us about written evidence but refuses, without good cause, to make good faith efforts to obtain and timely submit the evidence;
- a representative informs us about evidence that relates to a claim instead of acting with reasonable promptness to help obtain and timely submit the evidence to us;
- the representative waits until 5 days before a hearing to provide or inform us of evidence when the evidence was known to the representative or available to provide to us at an earlier date;
- the clients of a particular representative have a pattern of informing us about written evidence instead of making good-faith efforts to obtain and timely submit the evidence; or

- any other occasion when a representative's actions with regard to the submission of evidence may violate our rules for representatives.

When we refer a possible violation to OGC, it does not change our duties with respect to the development of the evidence.<sup>25</sup>

#### 4. Our Duty To Assist Claimants in Developing Written Evidence

Before we make a determination that an individual is not disabled, we must develop the individual's complete medical history, generally for at least 12 months preceding the month in which he or she applied for benefits.<sup>26</sup> We will make every reasonable effort to help individuals obtain medical evidence from their own medical sources and entities that maintain medical evidence when the individual gives us permission to request the information.<sup>27</sup> Every reasonable effort means that we will make an initial request for evidence from the medical source or entity that maintains the medical evidence, and, at any time between 10 and 20 calendar days after the initial request, if the evidence has not been received, we will make a follow-up request to obtain the medical evidence necessary to make a determination.<sup>28</sup>

We will assist with developing the record and may request existing evidence directly from a medical source or entity that maintains the evidence if:

- We were informed about the evidence (in the manner explained above) no later than 5 business days before the date of the scheduled hearing; or
- we were not informed about the evidence at least 5 business days before the date of the scheduled hearing, but one of the circumstances listed in 20 CFR 404.935(b) or 416.1535(b) applies.

We will first ask the individual or representative to submit the evidence. However, if the individual or representative shows that he or she is unable to obtain the evidence despite good faith efforts or for reasons beyond his or her control, we may request the evidence directly from the medical source or entity that maintains the evidence.

At the Appeals Council level of review, development of evidence is more limited. The Appeals Council will not obtain or evaluate additional

evidence when deciding whether to grant review unless:

- One of the circumstances listed in 20 CFR 404.970(b) or 416.1470(b) applies and the individual or his or her representative shows that the evidence is related to the period on or before the date of the hearing level decision; or
- the claim is a title XVI claim that is not based on an application for benefits (e.g., an age-18 redetermination).

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10152]

### Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: Exhibition of Paintings by Women Artists in Paris Between 1850 and 1900

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the traveling exhibition identified under the titles below, imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado, under the title "Her Paris: Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism," from on or about October 22, 2017, until on or about January 14, 2018; at the Speed Art Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, under the title "Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism," from on or about February 17, 2018, until on or about May 13, 2018; at The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts, under the title "Women Artists in Paris 1850-1900," from on or about June 9, 2018, until on or about September 3, 2018; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat.

<sup>24</sup> 42 USC 406(a)(1). See also 20 CFR 404.1745 and 416.1545 ("When we have evidence that a representative . . . has violated the rules governing dealings with us, we may begin proceedings to suspend or disqualify that individual from acting in a representational capacity before us.")

<sup>25</sup> See 20 CFR 404.935 and 416.1435.

<sup>26</sup> Sections 223(d)(5)(B) and 1614(a)(3)(H)(i) of the Act, 42 USC 423(d)(5)(B) and 1382c(a)(3)(H)(i); 20 CFR 404.1512(b) and 416.912(b).

<sup>27</sup> 20 CFR 404.1512(b)(1) and 416.912(b)(1).

<sup>28</sup> 20 CFR 404.1512(b)(1)(i), 404.1593(b), 416.912(b)(1)(i), and 416.993(b).

985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257–1 of December 11, 2015). I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Alyson Grunder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority: 438]

### Delegation of Authority: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act and Atomic Energy Act

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including by 22 U.S.C. 2651a, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, to the extent authorized by law, the following functions conferred upon the Secretary by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–242 (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, Public Law 83–703, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “the Atomic Energy Act”):

- (1) Those under section 102, 402 (a), 502(c), 602(c) of the Act;
- (2) Those under sections 57(b)(2), 109, 111(b)(1), and 131 of the Atomic Energy Act;
- (3) Those under section 126 of the Atomic Energy Act, except for the function of making recommendations to the President on functions reserved to him;
- (4) Those under section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act, subject to the Department of State’s Circular 175 procedure and except for the function of making recommendations to the President on functions reserved to him; and
- (5) Those delegated by paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of section 2 of Executive Order 12058 of May 11, 1978, provided that the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements shall remain subject to the Department of State Circular 175 procedure.

Any act, executive order, regulation, or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be

such act, executive order, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation of authority. Delegation of Authority Nos. 140, 140–1, 140–2, 140–3, 140–4, and 140–5 are hereby rescinded.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Rex W. Tillerson,**

*Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10154]

### Department of State FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of release of the Department of State’s FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory.

**SUMMARY:** Acting in compliance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117), the Department of State is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory. The FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory includes the FY 2016 Planned Analysis, and the FY 2015 Meaningful Analysis.

The inventory was developed in accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). The Department of State has posted its FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory at the following link: [http://csm.state.gov/content.asp?content\\_id=135&menu\\_id=71](http://csm.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=135&menu_id=71).

**DATES:** The inventory is available on the Department’s Web site as of September 18, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marlon Henry, Management and Program Analyst, A/EX/CSM, 202–485–7210, [HenryMD@state.gov](mailto:HenryMD@state.gov).

**Marlon Henry,**

*Management and Program Analyst, Collaborative Strategy and Management Division, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10151]

### Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Veronese in Murano: Two Venetian Renaissance Masterpieces Restored” Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that two objects to be included in the exhibition “Veronese in Murano: Two Venetian Renaissance Masterpieces Restored,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Frick Collection, New York, New York, from on or about October 24, 2017, until on or about March 11, 2018, at the New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana, from on or about April 19, 2018, until on or about September 3, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PA, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257–1 of December 11, 2015). I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Alyson Grunder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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