

3701-3711a; secs. 2-12 of the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. 1451-1461); 21 U.S.C. 41-50, 61-63, 141-149, 467f, 679(b), 801-886, 1031-1309; secs. 201-903 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321-394); 35 U.S.C. 156; secs. 301, 302, 303, 307, 310, 311, 351, 352, 361, 362, 1701-1706, 2101, 2125, 2127, 2128 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241, 242, 242a, 242l, 242n, 243, 262, 263, 264, 265, 300u-300u-5, 300aa-1, 300aa-25, 300aa-27, 300aa-28); 42 U.S.C. 1395y, 3246b, 4332, 4831(a), 10007-10008; E.O. 11490, 11921, and 12591; secs. 312, 313, 314 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-660 (42 U.S.C. 300aa-1 note).

2. Section 5.31 is amended by adding new paragraphs (f)(1)(vi), (f)(2)(x), and (f)(8) to read as follows:

§ 5.31 Petitions under part 10.

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(1) * * *

(vi) Section 5.98 *Issuance of notices relating to proposals and orders for debarment and denial of an application to terminate debarment.*

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(x) Section 5.98 *Issuance of notices relating to proposals and orders for debarment and denial of an application to terminate debarment.*

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(8) The Director and Deputy Director, CVM, are authorized to grant or deny citizen petitions submitted under § 10.30 of this chapter concerning actions they are authorized to take under § 5.98 *Issuance of notices relating to proposals and orders for debarment and denial of an application to terminate debarment.*

3. New § 5.98 is added to subpart B to read as follows:

§ 5.98 Issuance of notices relating to proposals and orders for debarment and denial of an application to terminate debarment.

The Director and Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), the Director and Deputy Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), and the Director and Associate Director for Policy Coordination and Public Relations, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) are authorized to issue the following notices under section 306 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) which relate to the assigned functions of their organizations:

(a) Notices of opportunity for hearing on proposals for mandatory or permissive debarment.

(b) Notices ordering debarment when opportunity for a hearing has been waived.

(c) Notices ordering debarment where the person notifies the agency that the person acquiesces to debarment under section 306(c)(2)(B) of the act.

(d) Notices of opportunity for hearing on proposals denying an application to terminate debarment under section 306(d)(3) of the act.

(e) Orders denying an application to terminate debarment under section 306(d)(3) of the act when opportunity for a hearing has been waived.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

22 CFR Part 514

Exchange Visitor Program

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Statement of policy and notice to sponsors.

SUMMARY: Public Law 104-72 directs the Agency to continue its oversight of au pair activities in the United States until September 30, 1997. This announcement sets forth the Agency's intended implementation of this law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This policy statement is effective March 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stanley S. Colvin, Assistant General Counsel, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC 20547; telephone, (202) 619-6829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Au pair programs, whereby European youths are placed with American host families seeking child care, have been overseen by the Agency since 1986. Originally begun as a pilot project, the au pair program has expanded over the past ten years to now encompass eight Agency-designated sponsors who facilitated the entry of some 11,000 au pair participants in 1995. Congress, in enacting Public Law 104-72, extended temporarily the Agency's authority to oversee this activity. As discussed below, the Congress also addressed two long-standing programmatic matters of concern to the Agency.

Since begun in 1986, au pair participants have only been selected from the countries of Western Europe. This limitation was set forth in initial pilot-project guidelines but remained in

place pursuant to subsequent legislation that directed the Agency to continue its oversight of au pair activities under the "same terms and conditions" of the pilot guidelines. Public Law 104-72 removes this programmatic limitation by directing the Agency to oversee au pair activities conducted on a "world-wide basis."

Accordingly, the Agency has advised au pair sponsors that, unless otherwise prohibited by law, au pair participants may be recruited from all world countries. The Agency construes "world-wide" basis to not include nationals of countries lacking diplomatic relations with the United States. Further, the Agency is of the opinion that "World wide basis" would allow a national of one country, resident in another, to be recruited and issued a visa in the country of residence.

The Agency concludes that Public Law 104-72 renders inoperative, the "same terms and conditions" requirement of prior legislation. Accordingly, the Agency will accept applications from United States organizations seeking designation as an au pair sponsor. Due to the time-limited authority given the Agency in Public Law 104-72, all designated au pair sponsors will continue to be given temporary, not permanent, program designations. Such designations will be made by the Agency under the authority of Public Law 104-72 and not under the Agency's Fulbright-Hays Act authorities as set forth at 22 U.S.C. 1474 et seq.

Finally, the Agency hereby gives notice of its intent to limit the number of au pair participants to not more than 22,720. The Agency does not believe that currently designated sponsors, and those organizations receiving new designations, will be affected by this numerical limitation. This belief is based upon the past history of au pair activities and the Agency's knowledge of the growth rates of similar programs overseen by the Agency.

The Agency specifically reserves the right to limit the number of participants sponsored by an individual organization. Participant levels for newly designated au pair sponsors will be determined by the Agency in consultation with the sponsor. The organization's prior experience, organizational capacity, and resources will be specifically considered in determining participant levels.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 514

Cultural exchange programs.

Dated: February 28, 1996.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 535

Iranian Assets Control Regulations; Shams Pahlavi Assets Unblocked

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule; amendment to the list of persons whose assets are subject to blocking.

SUMMARY: The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury is amending section 535.217 of the Iranian Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR § 535.217, to remove the name Shams Pahlavi from § 535.217(b). Shams Pahlavi, sister of Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, the former Shah of Iran, previously was identified in § 535.217(b) as a person who had been served as a defendant in litigation brought by Iran in a court within the United States seeking the return of property alleged to belong to Iran. She therefore was identified as a person whose United States assets were blocked pursuant to the provisions of § 535.217(a). Reference to Shams Pahlavi is now removed from § 535.217(b) based upon the final termination of all pertinent litigation against her. Accordingly, her United States assets are no longer blocked pursuant to § 535.217(a).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regarding the status of blocked assets, Loren L. Dohm, Blocked Assets Division (tel.: 202/622-2440); regarding legal questions, William B. Hoffman, Chief Counsel (tel.: 202/622-2410); Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. 20220.

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Background

The Office of Foreign Assets Control is amending § 535.217(b) of the Iranian Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR part 535, to reflect changes in the status of litigation brought by Iran against close relatives of the former Shah of Iran seeking the return of property alleged to belong to Iran. In 1991, Shams Pahlavi was identified in § 535.217(b) based on proof of service upon her in litigation of the type described in § 535.217(a). Pursuant to that provision, all property and assets located in the United States within the control of Shams Pahlavi were blocked until all pertinent litigation against her was finally terminated. Because that litigation has been finally terminated, reference to Shams Pahlavi is deleted from § 535.217(b).

Because the Regulations involve a foreign affairs function, Executive Order 12866 and the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553, requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date, are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, does not apply. Wherever possible, however, it is the practice of the Office of Foreign Assets Control to receive written submissions or hold informal consultations with interested parties before the issuance of any rule or other public document.

List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 535

Administrative practice and procedure, Banking, Banks, Blocking of assets, Currency, Foreign investment in the United States, Iran, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 31 CFR part 535 is amended as follows:

PART 535—IRANIAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 535 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. 1701-1706; E.O. 12710, 44 FR 65729, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 457; E.O. 12205, 45 FR 24099, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 248; E.O. 12211, 45 FR 26685, 3 CFR, 1980, Comp., p. 253; E.O. 12276, 46 FR 7913, 3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p. 104; E.O. 12279, 46 FR 7919, 3 CFR 1981 Comp., p. 109; E.O. 12280, 46 FR 7921, 3 CFR 1981 Comp., p. 110; E.O. 12281, 46 FR 7923, 3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p. 112; E.O. 12282, 46 FR 7925, 3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p. 113; E.O. 12282, 46 FR 7927, 3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p. 113; E.O. 12283, 46 FR 7927, 3 CFR 1981 Comp., p. 114; and E.O. 12294, 46 FR 14111, 3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p. 139.

Subpart B—Prohibitions

2. Section 535.217 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 535.201 Blocking of property of the former Shah of Iran and of certain Iranian nationals.

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(b) [No persons presently listed].

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Dated: February 1, 1996.

R. Richard Newcomb,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Approved: February 8, 1996.

Dennis M. O'Connell,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
(Regulatory, Tariff & Law Enforcement).*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulations: Manatee River, Palmetto, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: Special local regulations are being adopted for the A.P.B.A. (American Power Boat Association) Green Bridget Regatta. This event will be held on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24, 1996 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. edt (eastern daylight time). This event will attract large spectator crowds and create congestion. Therefore, these regulations are needed to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. edt on March 23 and 24, 1996.