

(1) For the General Counsel Panel—
Kenneth R. Schmalzbach, Acting
Deputy General Counsel, who shall
serve as Chairperson
Roberta K. McNerney, Assistant General
Counsel (Banking & Finance);
Stephen J. McHale, Assistant General
Counsel (Enforcement);
Russell L. Munk, Assistant General
Counsel (International Affairs);
Rochelle F. Granat, Acting Assistant
General Counsel (General Law &
Ethics);
Francine J. Kerner, Deputy Assistant
General Counsel (Enforcement);
Marilyn L. Muench, Deputy Assistant
General Counsel (International
Affairs);
Eleni Constantine, Deputy Assistant
General Counsel (Banking & Finance);
John J. Manfreda, Chief Counsel, Bureau
of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms;
Elizabeth B. Anderson, Chief Counsel,
United States Customs Service; and
Walter Eccard, Chief Counsel, Bureau of
Public Debt.

(2) For the Internal Revenue Service
Panel—
Chairperson, Deputy Chief Counsel, IRS;
Deputy General Counsel;
Two Associate Chief Counsel, IRS; and
Two Regional Counsel, IRS.

I hereby delegate to the Chief Counsel
of the Internal Revenue Service the
authority to make the appointments to
the IRS Panel specified in this
Designation and to make the publication
of the IRS Panel as required by 5 U.S.C.
4314(c)(4).

Neal S. Wolin,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 878]

The Department of the Treasury's Odor Recognition Proficiency Standard for Explosives Detection Canines (99R- 235P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco
and Firearms (ATF), Department of the
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is
announcing the availability of the
Department of the Treasury's Odor
Recognition Proficiency Standard for
Explosives Detection Canines. The
standard has been revised using
solicited input and recommendations
from other Federal law enforcement

agencies that use explosives detection
canines. A copy of the standard is
available to all interested persons.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of the
Department of the Treasury's Odor
Recognition Proficiency Standard, send
a written request, on official law
enforcement or government letterhead,
to: Chief, Canine Operations Branch,
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue,
NW., Room 5100, Washington, DC
20226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rhonda Bokorney, Chief, Canine
Operations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms, 650
Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20226 (202-927-8680).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 30, 1996, the Omnibus
Consolidated Appropriations Act of
1997, Public Law 104-208, authorized
the Secretary of the Treasury to
establish a standard for explosives
detection canines. Section 653(a) of the
Act provides the following:

Authorization.—The Secretary of the
Treasury is authorized to establish scientific
certification standards for explosives
detection canines, and shall provide, on a
reimbursable basis, for the certification of
explosives detection canines employed by
Federal agencies, or other agencies providing
explosives detection services at airports in
the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury
requested the Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to develop
the standard. On September 29, 1997,
we published in the **Federal Register** a
notice announcing the establishment of
an odor recognition proficiency
standard for explosives detection
canines (Notice No. 97-101; 62 FR
50982). The standard included a
minimum odor recognition proficiency
test which could be used by agencies
that use detection canines. Copies of the
odor recognition proficiency standard
were available to all interested persons.

In Notice No. 97-101, we also stated
that the established odor recognition
proficiency standard would be further
tested and validated. Prior to its being
scientifically validated, the standard
was revised using solicited input and
recommendations from other Federal
law enforcement agencies that use
explosives detection canines.

From May 28, 1998, through February
1999, the Oak Ridge National
Laboratory, managed by Lockheed
Martin Energy Research Corporation for
the U.S. Department of Energy,
conducted an independent assessment
of the validity of the odor recognition
proficiency standard. On March 10,

1999, the Laboratory issued a final
report that concluded the standard and
test are valid for the measure of the
proficiency for detecting explosives
odors at the recognition and alerting
phase of training.

A copy of the revised Department of
the Treasury's Odor Recognition
Proficiency Standard is available to law
enforcement and government agencies.

Authority and Issuance: This notice is
issued under the authority in Sec. 653, Pub.
L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009.

Signed: July 23, 1999.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Notice: Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations

AGENCY: United States Information
Agency.

SUBJECT: Culturally significant objects
imported for exhibition determinations.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the
following determinations: Pursuant to
the authority vested in me by the Act of
October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C.
2459), Executive Order 12047 of March
27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978),
and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June
27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985). I
hereby determine that the objects to be
included in the exhibit "The Golden
Age of Chinese Archaeology Celebrated
Discoveries from the People's Republic
of China" imported from abroad for
temporary exhibition without profit
within the United States, is of cultural
significance. These objects are imported
from abroad for temporary exhibition
without profit within the United States,
is of cultural significance. These objects
are imported pursuant to a loan
agreement with the foreign lender. I also
determine that the exhibition or display
of the listed exhibit objects at the
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
from on or about September 19, 1999, to
on or about January 2, 2000; at the
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston TX, from
on or about February 13, 2000 to May
7, 2000; and at the Asian Art Museum
of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA,
from on or about June 17, 2000, to on
or about September 11, 2000, is in the
national interest. Public Notice of these
determinations is ordered to be
published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul W. Manning, Assistant General Counsel, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: July 27, 1999.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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**UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY**

**Culturally Significant Objects Imported
for Exhibition Determination: "Unseen
Treasures: Imperial Russia and the
New World"**

AGENCY: United States Information
Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Unseen Treasures: Imperial Russia and the New World," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed objects at the New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ, from on or about September 25, 1999, to on or about January 16, 2000, and the Missouri

Historical Society, saint Louis, MO, from on or about May 15, 2000, to on or about August 15, 2000, and the Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC, from on or about September 1, 2000, to on or about December 31, 2000, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the list of exhibit objects and for further information, contact Ms. Neila Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-5030. The address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: July 26, 1999.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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