

2. Insurance Project in Turkey.
3. Approval of March 10, 1998 Minutes (Closed Portion).
4. Pending Major Projects.
5. Report on OPIC's Small Business Initiative.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION: Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-98-008]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: June 4, 1998 at 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-781-786 (Preliminary) (Stainless Steel Round Wire from Canada, India, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan)—briefing and vote.
5. Outstanding action jackets: None. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: May 21, 1998.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-98-009]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: June 11, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: None.

2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. 753-TA-34 (Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia)—briefing and vote.
5. Outstanding action jackets: None. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: May 21, 1998.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 11-98]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

Date and Time: Monday, June 15, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Subject Matter: A. Oral Hearings on Objections to Proposed Decisions on claims against Albania, as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. Claim No. ALB-247 Stephen J. Pantos
- 10:30 a.m. Claim No. ALB-117 James Elias
- 11:00 a.m. Claim No. ALB-146 Connie Zotos
- 11:30 a.m. Claim No. ALB-178 Hariklia Zoto, et al.

B. Hearings on the Record on Objections to Proposed Decisions on claims against Albania, as follows:

1. Claim No. ALB-042 Xhani Femera, et al.
2. Claim No. ALB-072 Thomas M. Toma
3. Claim No. ALB-092 Thanas A. Laske
4. Claim Nos. ALB-137, Klementina Sevo ALB-138 Marianthi Fili
5. Claim No. ALB-153 Bibi Xhemal Bejleri
6. Claim No. ALB-173 Marigo Vasiliades, et al.
7. Claim No. ALB-187 Helena Liolin
8. Claim No. ALB-203 Stavri G. Buri
9. Claim No. ALB-220 Gjergji Gjeli
10. Claim No. ALB-293 Jorgo Stoli

Status: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 22, 1998.

Judith H. Lock,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; New Information Collection

ACTION: Notice of information collection; new collection; public charge bond in pilot program.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until July 27, 1998.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection.

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* new information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Public Charge Bond in Pilot Program.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* No agency form number. Office of Examinations, Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection, contained in a proposed rule, will be used by the Service to determine which districts will be selected to participate in the Bond Pilot Program, as well as what dollar amount of the bond would be for each immigrant in that State, depending on the dollar amount of means-tested benefits available.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 20 responses at 6 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 120 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: May 20, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics; National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

[OJP(BJS)-1175]

RIN 1121-ZA95

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of program plan.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is publishing this notice to announce the continuation of the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) in Fiscal Year 1998. Copies of this announcement can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol G. Kaplan at (202) 307-0759 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The program implements the grant provisions of—

* the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (Brady Act), Pub. L. No. 103159, 107 Stat. 1536 (1993), codified as amended at 18 U.S.C. Sections 921 *et seq.*;

* the National Child Protection Act of 1993 (NCPA), Pub. L. No. 103209, 107 Stat. 2490 (1993), codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 3759, 5101 note, 5119, 5119a, 5119b, 5119c;

* those provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Omnibus Act), Pub. L. No. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197 (1968), codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 3711 *et seq.*, as amended; and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Violent Crime Control Act), Pub. L. No. 103-322, 108 Stat. 1796 (1994), codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 13701 *et seq.*, which pertain to the establishment, maintenance, analysis, or use of criminal history records and criminal record systems; and,

* related laws pertaining to the identification, collection, analysis and interstate exchange of records relating to domestic violence and stalking (including protection orders) and to the establishment of sexual offender registries and exchange of data between them.

The NCHIP Program to date. The NCHIP program was initiated in 1995, under the administration of the Bureau of Justice Statistics. During Fiscal Years 1995, 1996, and 1997, from the total appropriation of \$178.25 million, direct awards were made to all States and

eligible territories in an amount totaling over \$160 million. Six million dollars was also transferred to the FBI for implementation of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), which will provide instant interstate access to records prohibiting the sale of a firearm. About \$5 million was awarded to provide direct technical assistance to States, to evaluate the program, and to collect statistics and research data on presale firearm programs.

To date, under the NCHIP program, all States have received funds to upgrade criminal record systems (including establishing and upgrading Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)) and to support efforts to participate in the FBI's Interstate Identification Index (III), which permits instant exchange of criminal records among the States. Eighteen States also received additional funding under the Advanced State Award Program to initiate efforts to identify persons other than felons who are prohibited from purchasing firearms.

Beginning in FY 1996, NCHIP program funds have also been available to States to upgrade record systems to identify and flag persons convicted of abusing children, the elderly, and the disabled, or to defray costs of providing rapid and reliable background checks on individuals who wish to work with these sensitive populations.

Also since 1996, NCHIP program funds have been available to develop and implement procedures for classifying and entering data regarding stalking and domestic violence (including protection orders) into local, State, and national crime information databases consistent with the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

To date, approximately \$10 million has been awarded to States for purposes relating to offenses against children, the elderly and the disabled, and for collection of data on stalking and domestic abuse, including protection orders and violations thereof.

The FY 1998 program. Consistent with the FY 1998 appropriation, funds awarded under the 1998 NCHIP program may be used to improve criminal record systems, to support interstate exchange of records through the FBI, to implement procedures designed to permit participation in the NICS, and for authorized purposes consistent with the NCPA and the identified sections of the VAWA, as described above, and, more fully, in later sections of this announcement.

The FY 1998 NCHIP program also includes the National Sex Offender