

Motorcycles  
 Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR  
 53048 (October 10, 1997)  
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-229  
 7. Docket No. NHTSA 3021  
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1997  
 BMW R1100 Motorcycles  
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified  
 vehicles: 1994-1997 BMW R1100  
 Motorcycles  
 Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR  
 54896 (October 22, 1997)  
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-231  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payment

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service,  
 Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
 comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management  
 Service, as part of its continuing effort  
 to reduce paperwork and respondent  
 burden, invites the general public and  
 other Federal agencies to take this  
 opportunity to comment on a  
 continuing information collection. By  
 this notice, the Financial Management  
 Service solicits comments concerning  
 the form "Authorization Agreement for  
 Preauthorized Payment."

**DATES:** Written comments should be  
 received on or before February 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments  
 to Financial Management Service, 3361-  
 L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland  
 20785.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Requests for additional information or  
 copies of the form(s) and instructions  
 should be directed to the Cash  
 Management Directorate, 401-14th  
 Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20227,  
 (202) 874-6540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant  
 to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995  
 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial  
 Management Service solicits comments  
 on the collection of information  
 described below.

*Title:* Authorization Agreement for  
 Preauthorized Payment.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0059.

*Form Number:* SF 5510.

*Abstract:* This form is used to collect  
 information from remitters (individuals  
 and corporations) to authorize

electronic fund transfers from accounts  
 maintained at financial institutions to  
 collect monies for government agencies.

*Current Actions:* Extension of  
 currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other  
 for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
 100,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15  
 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*  
*Hours:* 25,000.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in  
 response to this notice will be  
 summarized and/or included in the  
 request for Office of Management and  
 Budget approval. All comments will  
 become a matter of public record.  
 Comments are invited on: (a) whether  
 the collection of information is  
 necessary for the proper performance of  
 the functions of the agency, including  
 whether the information shall have  
 practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the  
 agency's estimate of the burden of the  
 collection of information; (c) ways to  
 enhance the quality, utility, and clarity  
 of the information to be collected; (d)  
 ways to minimize the burden of the  
 collection of information on  
 respondents, including through the use  
 of automated collection techniques or  
 other forms of information technology;  
 and (e) estimates of capital or start-up  
 costs and costs of operation,  
 maintenance and purchase of services to  
 provide information.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

**Mitchell A. Devine,**

*Assistant Commissioner.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Exchange Visitor Program; Skills List

**AGENCY:** United States Information  
 Agency.

**ACTION:** Amendment to delete the Czech  
 Republic from the Exchange Visitor  
 Skills List. Retroactive release from  
 Skills List obligation for all countries  
 without skills lists.

**SUMMARY:** The Exchange Visitor Skills  
 List is amended by deleting the fields of  
 specialization for the Czech Republic at  
 the request of the Government of the  
 Czech Republic. Also, in the case of all  
 governments which have requested  
 removal from the skills list, their  
 citizens are retroactively no longer  
 required, on the basis of the skills list,

to comply with the two-year home  
 residence requirement of 212(e) of the  
 Immigration and Nationality Act.

**DATES:** This amendment shall become  
 effective upon publication in the  
**Federal Register.**

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for  
 further information should be addressed  
 to: Patricia B. Gribben, Chief, Waiver  
 Review Branch, Exchange Visitor  
 Program Services, USIA, 301 Fourth  
 Street, SW, Suite 700, Washington, DC  
 20547, telephone (202) 401-9800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant  
 to the provisions of section 212(e) of the  
 Immigration and Nationality Act, as  
 amended (8 U.S.C. 1182(E)), The  
 Secretary of State designated on April  
 25, 1972, a list of fields of specialized  
 knowledge or skill (referred to as the  
 Exchange Visitor Skills List) and those  
 countries which clearly required the  
 services of persons engaged in one or  
 more of such fields. Any alien who was  
 a national or resident of one of those  
 countries and obtained an exchange  
 visitor visa and/or became a participant  
 in an Exchange Visitor Program  
 involving a designated field of  
 specialized knowledge or skill after the  
 effective date of that notice was subject  
 to the two-year home country physical  
 presence requirement of section 212(e)  
 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
 and 22 CFR 41.65(b).

Pursuant to the provisions of  
 Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1977,  
 section 217 of the United States  
 Information Agency Authorization Act  
 of August 24, 1982 (Pub. L. 97-241) and  
 Executive Order Nos. 12048 (March 27,  
 1978) and 12388 (October 14, 1982) the  
 Director, United States Information  
 Agency, on June 12, 1984 further  
 amended the 1972 Exchange Visitor  
 Skills list, as revised in 1978, to increase  
 the designated fields of specialized  
 knowledge of skills. The 1984  
 amendment gave notice of the addition  
 of China and the deletion of Cambodia,  
 Iran and Viet-Nam from the skills list as  
 well as the indefinite suspension of  
 Afghanistan. In September, 1986 an  
 amendment reflected the deletion of  
 South Africa, addition of Iraq and  
 changes in Group 4 for the People's  
 Republic of China. It also clarifies that  
 the skills list for the People's Republic  
 of China is not applicable to exchange  
 visitors from Taiwan. A February 1987  
 amendment gave notice of the indefinite  
 suspension of Libya and the addition of  
 two fields to Group (1) of the skills list  
 for the People's Republic of China.  
 Amendments in March and April, 1987,  
 contained date corrections. An  
 amendment in December, 1988 added  
 additional fields to the skills list for the

People's Republic of China and in July, 1993 an amendment removed Spain from the skills list.

A comprehensive revised Skills List was published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 1997. This list became effective March 17, 1997.

This notice amends FR Vol. 62, Doc. 97-677, January 16, 1997.

Accordingly, the Exchange Visitor Skills List, is further amended by deleting the Czech Republic from said list. It also provides retroactive release from the skills list obligation for citizens of countries which are not listed on the Exchange Visitor Skills List.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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#### **UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**

#### **Voice of America Seeks Private Sector Partners, Joint Ventures & Corporate Underwriting**

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Seeking private sector partners, joint ventures & corporate underwriting.

**SUMMARY:** The Voice of America (VOA) is the United States Government's world-wide broadcasting service and a major component of the U.S. Information Agency's (USIA) International Broadcasting Bureau. VOA has an unparalleled worldwide news gathering service, with more than 25 bureaus around the globe; it produces a wide variety of programming in 52 languages, including English, reaching about 86 million people around the globe; it has a 55-year worldwide reputation for accuracy and excellence, making it far and away the best known and respected American source of news and information in the world; millions of people have learned English by listening to the English teaching and Special English programs of VOA; many of its language services, such as the Spanish and Portuguese Services for Latin America (VOA Latin America), now work with a strong line-up of about 107 local affiliate stations.

VOA is prepared to explore a variety of possible arrangements with the private sector and accept proposals for joint ventures, corporate underwriting,

and other relationships designed to further its mission while reducing the expenditure of taxpayer dollars. The Agency is authorized, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1437, to encourage and utilize private agencies' participation, including existing American press, publishing, radio, et. al., in carrying out its mission.

Accordingly, the U.S. Information Agency and its International Broadcasting Bureau are seeking private sector partners for its various VOA programs and program services. Agreements with more than one organization could result from this announcement. Written expressions of interest should be submitted to John G. Busch, Office of Contracts, 301 4th St., SW., Room M-22, Washington, DC 20547; telephone no. 202-205-5480; fax no. 202-105-5466; or Internet: [JBUSCH@USIA.GOV](mailto:JBUSCH@USIA.GOV). All correspondence will be considered.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

**John G. Busch,**

*Senior Contracting Officer, Office of Contracts.*

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