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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-601, Revision of
a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I-
601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility; OMB Control
No. 1615-0029.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information
collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for
review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995. The information collection was previously published in the
Federal Register on September 3, 2008, at 73 FR 51502, allowing for a
60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments for
this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for
public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until
February 27, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR
1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained
in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and
associated response time, should be directed to the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and
Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk
Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory
Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite
3008, Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS
via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to
the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-6974 or via e-mail
at oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB
Control Number 1615-0029 in the subject box. Written comments and
suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or
more of the following four points:

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

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(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of
the 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: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form I-601. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form is used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a waiver of excludability under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 17,500 responses at 1\1/2\ hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 26,250 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 visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529-2210, (202) 272-8377.

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