(1) For the General Counsel Panel— Kenneth R. Schmalzbach, Acting Deputy General Counsel, who shall serve as Chairperson

Roberta K. McInerney, Assistant General Counsel (Banking & Finance); Stephen J. McHale, Assistant General Counsel (Enforcement);

Russell L. Munk, Assistant General Counsel (International Affairs);

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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:

Authoritzation.—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

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.