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To: ["Ban, Woody \(POC\)"](#)
Subject: RE: OMB Control Number: 1405-0014. Statement Regarding a Lost or Stolen U.S. Passport Book and/or Card. Form Number: DS-64.
Date: Monday, November 19, 2012 11:48:11 AM

Dear Mr. Ban –

Thank you for your comment in response to the 60-day Federal Register Notice for the proposed DS-64, “Statement Regarding a Lost or Stolen U.S. Passport Book and/or Card.”

You state in your e-mail that “one can presume that an embassy or consulate can provide a DS-64 ... but if true that fact doesn’t appear in this Federal Register notice, nor does it seem readily apparent from the Department of State website.”

However, this information does appear on the Department of State website (at the following link) – “For passports lost or stolen overseas, please [contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#).”

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/lost/lost_848.html

In addition, with regard to your comment to place this information into the 60-day Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the DS-64, the Department must comply with the Office of Management and Budget prescribed format for this action which is a “Notice of request for public comments”. This means that we cannot incorporate any other information into this FRN such as what you have proposed because it falls outside of the format for soliciting public comment on the proposed DS-64 form.

I hope this information answers your question. Thank you for your interest in the Department of State passport forms program.

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From: Ban, Woody (POC) [mailto:Woody.Ban@PolyOne.com]
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Subject: OMB Control Number: 1405-0014. Statement Regarding a Lost or Stolen U.S. Passport Book and/or Card. Form Number: DS-64.

A person holding a valid U.S. Passport, while traveling overseas, has their passport stolen along with their wallet/purse, computer/handheld devices and all ID. Thousands of miles from any U.S. Post Office (and with the USPS bankrupt, who knows how much longer USPS will serve as an "Acceptance Facility"), the individual likely only will have access to the local U.S. embassy/consulate. In remote areas of the world, they may not even have access to the internet readily.

The regulation addressed by this Federal Register publication requires

reporting a lost or stolen passport on a form DS-64 downloadable from the internet, or obtainable from a Passport Agency or Acceptance Facility.

According to the Dept. of State web-site, Passport Agencies occur only in the continental U.S., so an overseas traveler without his/her passport would have difficulty visiting one, since they couldn't re-enter the country without their passport.

Acceptance Facilities likewise seem to occur generally only in the U.S. and its possessions. So an overseas traveler without his/her passport would have difficulty visiting one, since they couldn't re-enter the country or its possessions without their passport. Interestingly, the Dept. of State website Acceptance Facility finder tool requires the entry of a "Zip" code, and appears only to find Acceptance Facilities in portions of the U.S. and its possession having zip codes.

And while travelers may carry a computer capable of driving a printer, few (if any) carry a printer, so even if they still had their device, and could actually get to the internet, they probably couldn't print. And even if they could print, they would then have to wait weeks for the mail to deliver the form DS-64 to the address listed on the Dept of state web site. Calling in may not provide a solution either (not addressed in this Federal Register publication, but addressed on the Dept. of State website), since inward 1-800 calls do not work from certain countries.

One can presume that an embassy or consulate can provide a DS-64 and then accept a completed DS-64, but if true that fact doesn't appear in this Federal Register notice, nor does it seem readily apparent from the Dept. of State web site.

If your objective in issuing this Federal Register notice, Brenda, constituted scattering a few kernels of knowledge in about the same manner Johnny Appleseed scattered his apple seeds, it appears that you've succeeded. But, if embassies and consulates qualify to provide and accept the DS-64 form why not specifically include that information here? If they cannot, then I truly feel sorry for an individual who has their passport stolen while traveling in remote areas.

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