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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies, and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to announce that the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) has begun to issue "no-immunity" identification cards to spouses and same-sex domestic partners of accredited consular officers and consular employees not covered by a bilateral consular convention providing for enhanced immunities.

The card identifies the person as an immediate family member of an individual registered with the U.S. Department of State and states that the bearer should be treated with due respect.

Cards for spouses who were registered with OFM prior to June 17 will be distributed to the consulates via OFM's six regional offices, which are located in New York, Miami, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Upon receipt of the cards, the consulates are requested to inform their OFM regional office of any missing cards for spouses currently assigned to the consulate, or any superfluous cards for spouses not currently assigned to the consulate.

Cards for spouses registered after June 17 will be delivered to the embassy's mailbox at the OFM Customer Service Center until such time as OFM announces

the commencement of mailing all identification cards to the associated mission's address.

Cards will not be issued to individuals who are U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, or permanently resident in the United States for purposes of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

Department of State,

Washington, July 12, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.