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Consular Corner Quiz

In light of President Obama’s December 17th announcement that the United States is opening a process to reestablish diplomatic relations with Cuba, we devote this month’s quiz to all-things Cuba. Answers appear later in the column.

1. What Department of State list is comprised of Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria?
2. Is a traveler applying for readmission to the U.S. after a trip to Cuba eligible for entry under the “Automatic Revalidation” rule, whereby the validity of an expired nonimmigrant visa may be considered to be automatically extended to the date of application for readmission?
3. True or false: Because we have no diplomatic relations with Cuba, U.S. consular officers are not permitted to issue nonimmigrant visas in Cuban passports.
4. The United States Interests Section in Havana (USINT) operates under the auspices of the Embassy of which country?
5. The FAM’s Guide to Proper Names indicates that Italian names are common in Argentina, and that English names are common in the Dominican Republic and Central America. According to the Guide, what country has contributed names commonly found in Cuba?
6. Cuba is one of 18 countries whose name begins with the letter “C.” Can you name 5 others?
7. One of the island nations served by the U.S. Embassy in Barbados was the site of the 1983 ouster of Cuban troops by American military forces. Name that island nation.
8. Which country is Cuba’s primary supplier of food and agricultural products?
9. Are the Cuban national employees of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana eligible to apply to the special immigrant visa program?
10. What is the name of the law which makes excludable from the United States, an alien who invests in properties in Cuba which were expropriated from American nationals?

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Quiz Answers

1. The List of State Sponsors of Terrorism. 9 FAM 40. 41 Exhibit II
2. No. 41.112 N8.1
3. False 41.113 N4.1
4. Switzerland.
5. Russia. 9 FAM Appendix F, 513.4
6. Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Republic of the (Congo Brazzaville), Congo, Democratic Rep. of the (Congo Kinshasa), Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus and Czech Republic.
7. Grenada.
8. The United States – despite the economic sanctions. See the May 2014 OIG Inspection of United States Interests Section, Havana.
9. No.
10. The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act.