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## **U.S. State Department Launches New Consular Website**

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The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that on July 15th, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs released a completely re-designed, more user-friendly, website: <http://travel.state.gov>.

One important new function included in the new website is an internet-based travel registration for American citizens traveling and residing anywhere in the world. The internet-based registration system (IBRS) provides a convenient way for American citizens traveling or residing overseas to provide important contact data, and will enable them to receive instantly up-to-the minute travel and safety information for the regions or countries on their travel itineraries.

The Department of State protects and maintains IBRS registration data in a secure database behind State Department firewalls, accessible only by authorized personnel under Privacy Act restrictions. The travel registration website replaces less-secure, locally managed websites currently in use by many U.S. Embassies and Consulates.

For further information on IBRS, contact [caibrs@state.gov](mailto:caibrs@state.gov). IBRS can be accessed directly at <http://travelregistration.state.gov/IBRS>.

The State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs advises and supports U.S. citizens and our embassies and consulates around the world by issuing consular information sheets, travel warnings, and public announcements concerning conditions in countries where Americans may be planning to visit or reside.