

6, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 16, 1997, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: John K. Enright, Associate General Counsel, Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market Street—16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Conrail has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 31, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: December 20, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 16, 1996.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD)

OMB Number: 1535-0052.

Form Number: PD F 1011.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Resolution Authorizing (1) Disposition of Securities Held by Organization, and (2) Executive and Delivery of Bonds of Indemnity.

Description: Form PD F 1011 is used by an organization to dispose of securities and/or execute bonds of indemnity.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 485.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 243 hours.

Clearance Officer: Vicki S. Thorpe (304) 480-6553, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, West VA 26106-1328.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 12, 1996.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** In order to begin the surveys described below in January 1997, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by December 26, 1996. To obtain a copy of this survey, please contact the IRS Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1349.

Project Number: SOI-023.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 1997 TeleFile Automated and Written Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

Description: These surveys are being conducted because IRS needs to be aware of the impact on taxpayers who will receive the 1997 TeleFile booklet in terms of acceptance, burden, frustrations, and questions they may have in using the system and/or choosing to obtain and file the paper forms.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,517.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:

Automated Survey—2 minutes

Written Survey—12 minutes

Frequency of Response: Other.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,723 hours

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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## Customs Service

### Customs Broker Licensure Examination

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the United States Customs Service has entered into an interagency agreement with the United States Office of Personnel Management to assist in the development and administration of the Customs Broker Licensure Examination. Customs invites the general public to comment on what areas the broker's examination should focus. Customs is also inviting the general public and Customs employees to generate multiple choice items to be used on the examination.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 31, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments and test items to Office of Personnel Management, Attn: PRDC, Room 6457—Customs Broker Project, 1900 E St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn: Broker Examination, Room 1328, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-0051.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The written Customs Broker Licensure Examination, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1641(b)(2) and 19 CFR 111.13(a), is designed to determine the applicant's knowledge of Customs and related laws, regulations and procedures, bookkeeping, accounting, and all other appropriate matters and his fitness to render valuable service to importers and exporters. The applicant must obtain a grade of at least 75 percent to pass.

Customs has entered into an interagency agreement with the Office of Personnel Management to assist in the development of the broker examination. Customs invites the general public, other federal agencies and Customs employees to comment on what areas the broker licensure examination should focus and to suggest multiple choice items to be used on the examination.

**Comments**

Please use the following guidelines when generating your multiple choice items:

First, identify your topic and make sure it covers information:

(1) contained in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of The United States (1996) or Title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR Parts 1 to 199) Revised as of April 1, 1996; and

(2) important to the work performed as a Customs Broker.

The use of regulations in your own experience may be a good starting point.

Second, write a question or a stem of a question (e.g., Which of the following is sufficient to establish the right to make entry for \* \* \*?). The statement may take the form of either a direct question or an incomplete statement. Simplify the item as much as possible. This means eliminating unnecessary information from the question (information not needed to answer the question), using easily understood words where possible, and placing most of the information in the question/stem, not in the response options. Make sure the item only addresses one concept and is not asking multiple questions or

addressing multiple content areas. After the question/stem is written, generate a correct response. The correct response should be defensible as being the only correct answer listed in the options.

Finally, generate at least four parallel and attractive response options. Try to ensure that the response options are similar in grammatical structure, length, and complexity to the correct response. Try to make sure the other response options are good distractors (i.e., they may seem attractive to test takers whose knowledge is superficial). The responses "none of these" or "none of the above" should not be used as options. The following may be helpful in creating distractors: Use of true statements that do not answer the question correctly; use of familiar phrases; and use of common mathematical mistakes or inverted numbers.

All items should contain the following information when complete:

- (1) the item stem or question;
- (2) at least five responses, one of which is the correct answer;
- (3) an indication of the correct answer by marking it with an asterisk;
- (4) a reference for the item (e.g., Title 19, CFR, Section 111.36 paragraph (b)(2)(I)). It is important that all items be referenced to either the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of The United States (1996) or Title 19, Code of Federal Regulations; and
- (5) the item writer's name and work phone number.

If you would like more information on writing appropriate test items, please contact Ernest Paskey at 202-606-1160. Once you have written the test items, please send your items to OPM through either:

(1) fax: (202) 606-1399, Attn: Christelle La Police; or

(2) postal mail: Christelle La Police, Office of Personnel Management, Attn: PRDC, Room 6457- Customs Broker Project, 1900 E St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20415.

**Important Note:** To ensure security of the test items and avoid misplaced/lost items, we request that you call OPM at (202) 606-0820 and ask for a member of the Customs Broker Team prior to transmitting a FAX. Test items will be accepted no later than January 31, 1997. Copies of the items that you develop and other related materials should not be distributed to anyone else.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Philip Metzger,

Director, Trade Compliance.

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**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8851**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8851, Summary of Medical Savings Accounts.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 25, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Summary of Medical Savings Accounts.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1508.

*Form Number:* 8851.

*Abstract:* This form will be used by the IRS to determine whether the numerical limits set forth in Internal Revenue Code section 220(j)(1) regarding the establishment of medical savings accounts have been exceeded.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 7 hr., 42 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,540,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.