

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of International Investment****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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 Office of International Investment within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of the Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons, 31 CFR § 800.402.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 2, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Gay Sills Hoar, Director, Office of International Investment, ICC Building, Suite 7354, 12th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044, (Tel.: 202/622-1860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dempsey, Economist (Tel.: 202/622-1860), ICC Building, Suite 7354, 12th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044; Francine McNulty Barber, Attorney-Adviser, Department of the Treasury, 15th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220, (202/622-1947).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

OMB Number: 1505-0121.

Abstract: The collection of information provided for in this proposed rule is in section 800.402. The information collected under these regulations is used by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, the Attorney General, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistants to the President for National Security, National Economic Policy, and Science and Technology. The President has delegated to CFIUS the President's authority under section 721 of the Defense Production Act to determine the effects on the national security of acquisitions proposed or pending after the date of enactment (August 23, 1988) by or with foreign persons that could result in foreign control of persons engaged in interstate commerce in the United States.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Foreign businesses and foreign individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: This varies, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6000 hours.

Requests for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Francine McNulty Barber,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee, Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., of the following meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date	Location
Oncology	Mar. 20-21, 1997	Governor's House.
Alcoholism and Drug Dependence	Mar. 24-25, 1997	Governor's House.
Gastroenterology	Mar. 24-25, 1997	Governor's House.
Respiration	Mar. 24-25, 1997	Holiday Inn Central.
Immunology	Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 1997	Governor's House.
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences	Apr. 3-4, 1997	Governor's House.
Cardiovascular Studies	Apr. 7-8, 1997	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology	Apr. 7-9, 1997	Governor's House.
Hematology	Apr. 9, 1997	Governor's House.
Surgery	Apr. 12, 1997	Governor's House.
Endocrinology	Apr. 14-15, 1997	Governor's House.
Infectious Diseases	Apr. 14-15, 1997	Governor's House.
Nephrology	Apr. 17-18, 1997	Governor's House.
General Medical Science	Apr. 21-22, 1997	Governor's House.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics	Apr. 25, 1997	Governor's House.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee	June 3, 1997	Governor's House.

Governor's House, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.
Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

These meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

These meetings will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the rooms at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. All of the Merit Review Subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public after approximately one hour from the start for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site

visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6)

and (9)(B). Because of the limited seating capacity of the rooms, those who plan to attend should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 565-5942, at least five days prior to each meeting. Minutes of the meetings and rosters of the members of the Subcommittees may be obtained from this source.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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