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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date and location of the next meeting and the agenda for consideration by the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on September 26, 1997. The session will be held from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 1301 6th Avenue (6th Avenue at University Street), Seattle, Washington. Tel.: 206-624-0500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, Room 4004, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Tel.: (202) 622-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is the fourth meeting of the current two-year term of the Committee. The provisional agenda to be considered at the meeting is as follows:

1. Automation issues.
 - a. Year 2000 preparations and resources.
 - b. Future of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) (including planned internal allocation of automation resources.)
 - c. The Automated Export System: Advisory Committee role in coordinating industry consultations and recommendations.
2. Preview of the FY 1998 Annual Plan.
3. The Reconciliation Prototype (time permitting).
4. Other new business.

The provisional agenda may be modified prior to the meeting. Meeting time is based on this agenda. Members of the public wishing to confirm the precise hours of the meeting and the final content of the agenda may do so by calling the information number one week prior to the meeting. The

Committee, in its discretion, may take up other matters, time permitting.

The meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the discussion is limited to Committee members and Treasury and Customs staff. It is necessary for any person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting to give notice by contacting Ms. Theresa Manning no later than September 19, 1997 at 202-622-0220.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

John P. Simpson,
Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

USIA Seeks Private Sector Partners for Hannover Expo 2000

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Seeking Private Sector Partners for Hannover Expo 2000.

SUMMARY: The United States Information Agency announces that the United States intends to participate at Hannover Expo 2000, a World Fair officially sanctioned by the Bureau of International Expositions, to be held in Hannover, Germany, from June 1-October 31, 2000. Participation will entail the design, fabrication and operation of a 40,000 square foot U.S. Pavilion focusing on the expo theme, "Mankind-Nature-Technology." Financing is being sought through cash and "in kind" contributions from the private sector, as well as state and local governments and other organizations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Organizations wishing to contribute to, or participate in, this project should contact the United States Information Agency's Hannover Expo 2000 Coordinator, Mr. James E. Ogul, by mail at U.S. Information Agency, E/SP, 301 Fourth St., S.W., Rm. 314, Washington, DC 20547; Telephone: 202-260-6511, Fax: 202-401-5618, or the Internet: JOGUL@USIA.GOV. All correspondence will be considered.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

John G. Busch,
Senior Contracting Officer, Office of Contracts.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0260]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to VA Form 10-5345(R), Request for Consent to Release of Medical Records Protected by 38 U.S.C. 7332.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0260" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) way

to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title and Form Number: Request for and Consent to Release of Medical Records Protected by Section 7332, VA Form 10-5345(R).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0260.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Section 7332, Title 38, United States Code, requires the VA to obtain prior written consent from a patient before information concerning treatment for alcoholism or alcohol abuse, drug abuse, sickle cell anemia, or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can be disclosed from a patient medical record. This special consent must indicate the name of the facility permitted to make the disclosure, the name of the individual or organization to whom the information is being released, specify the particular records or information to be released, be under the signature of the veteran and dated. It must reflect the purpose for which the information is to be used, and include a statement that the consent is subject to revocation and the date, event or condition upon which the consent will expire if not revoked before. The Privacy Act of 1974 and VA confidentiality statute, Section 5701, Title 38, United States Code, also requires a written patient consent.

The information is collected from the patient. VA personnel complete 50% of the total number of forms used and the patient must simply sign and date the form. Patients complete the remaining 50% of the total number of forms. The information is usually handwritten. If the VA did not collect this information, medical records protected Title 38, U.S.C., Section 7332, could not be released from a patient's records. This would have a negative impact on patients who need and want information released to private insurance companies, physicians and other third parties.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,069 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 242,070.

Dated: August 20, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0045]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0045."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: VA Request for Determination of Reasonable Value, VA Form 26-1805.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0045.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1805 is used to collect data necessary for VA compliance with the requirements of Title 38 U.S.C. 3710 (b) (4), (5), and (6). These requirements prohibit the VA guaranty or making of any loan unless the suitability of the security property for dwelling purposes is determined, the loan amount does not exceed the reasonable value, and if the loan is for purposes of alteration, repair, or improvements, the work substantially improves the basic livability of the property. The data supplied by persons and firms completing VA Form 26-1805 is used by VA personnel to identify and locate properties for appraisal and to make assignments to appraisers. The VA

is required to notify potential veteran-purchasers of such properties of the VA-established reasonable value. The VA will also use VA Form 26-1843, Certificate of Reasonable Value, as a notice to requesters of the reasonable (appraised) value or an authorized lender will issue a notice of value in connection with the Lender Appraisal Processing Program.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 12, 1997 at page 32148.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 64,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 320,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0045" in any correspondence.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0548]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its