

information on Form SSA-131 to prevent earnings related overpayments to employees and to avoid erroneous withholding. The respondents are employers who provide special wage payment verification.

*Number of Respondents:* 100,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20-22 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 33,367 hours.

2. Railroad Employment Questionnaire—0960-0078. Form SSA-671 is used by SSA to secure sufficient information to coordinate Social Security claims processing with the Railroad Retirement Board. The form is completed whenever claimants indicate having been employed in the Railroad Industry. The respondents are retired employees of the Railroad Industry or their dependents.

*Number of Respondents:* 125,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,417 hours.

3. Concise Notice Survey—0960-NEW. SSA will conduct a survey of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) awardees to determine customer opinions and preferences on the format and clarity of existing and proposed SSI award notices. The information will be used to determine whether a new concise notice format would improve comprehension of the information thus improving service to SSI customers. The respondents will be a random sample of new SSI awardees.

*Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 200 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument and related instructions by calling Mr. Brickenkamp on 410-965-4145.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents,

including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. Internet Request for Identity Verification—0960-NEW. SSA has established a process for verifying the identity of individuals who use the Internet to request information from SSA records. The electronic screens request certain information which will allow the public to establish their identity with SSA. These screens must be completed in order for the requestor to use the electronic applications that SSA has developed for use on the Internet, such as the Request for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement, a Request for a Replacement Benefit Statement (SSA-1099/SSA-1042S), etc. SSA will use the information to verify the requester's identity by comparing it with information already in SSA's records. The respondents are members of the public who request information from SSA through the Internet.

*Number of Respondents:* 540,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 3.5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 31,500 hours.

2. Electronic Request for Benefit Verification Information—0960-NEW. SSA provides verification of benefits, when requested, to individuals receiving title II and/or title XVI benefits. In order to provide to the public an easy and convenient means of requesting benefit information, SSA has developed an electronic request form which will allow persons to request the information through the Internet. The information collected on the electronic screens will be used by SSA to process the request for a benefit verification statement. To ensure appropriate confidentiality, the statement will be mailed to the recipient/beneficiary address shown in SSA's records. The respondents are title II and title XVI recipient/beneficiaries who request benefit verification information using the Internet.

*Number of Respondents:* 133,920.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1/2 minute.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,116 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or OMB clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: September 28, 1998.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**  
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2900]

### Bureau of Political Military Affairs; 30 Day Notice of Information Collection; Maintenance of Records by Registrants

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice of Information collection; Maintenance of Records by Registrants.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Political Military Affairs.

*Title of Information Collection:* Maintenance of Records by Registrants.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Form Number:* None.

*Respondents:* Persons or business applying for defense trade export licenses or services.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 20 hours per person or business.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 100,000.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

**Fernando Burbano,**

*Chief Information Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2890]

**Office of Defense Trade Controls;  
Notifications to the Congress of  
Proposed Commercial Export Licenses**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to section 36(c) and in compliance with section 36(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** As shown on each of the six letters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William J. Lowell, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State {(703) 875-6644}.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 38(e) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to section 36(c) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

**William J. Lowell,**

*Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls.*

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