

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Financial Management Service****Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program**

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, notice is hereby given of the conduct of Financial Management Service (FMS) matching activities which may be programs of computer matches.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 1997.

ADDRESS: Comments or inquiries may be submitted to the Debt Management Services, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW, Room 151, Washington, DC 20227.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerry Isenberg, Financial Program Specialist, Debt Management Services, (202) 874-6660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FMS is the central disbursing source for the Federal Government and currently receives recurring and non-recurring payment certification records from departments and agencies of the Government. FMS has a "system of records" (as defined in the Privacy Act of 1974) for recurring payments entitled "Payment Issue Records for Regular Recurring Benefit Payments," identified as Treasury/FMS .002. In addition, FMS has a "system of records" (as defined in the Privacy Act of 1974) for non-recurring payments entitled "Payment Records for Other than Regular Recurring Benefit Payments," identified as Treasury/FMS .016.

FMS also is the lead agency in the Federal Government for debt collection and collects delinquent non-tax debts owed to the Federal Government, delinquent debts owed to States, and past-due support being enforced by States. FMS has a "system of records" for debt collection entitled "Debt Collection Operations System," identified as Treasury/FMS .014.

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA) amended the administrative offset statute, 31 U.S.C. 3716, to statutorily provide for centralized administrative offset by disbursing officials of the United States. This statutory provision takes advantage of FMS' role as the primary disbursing agency for the Federal Government. These matches of records contained in the two payment systems of records

identified above with records contained in the Debt Collection Operations System are intended to help implement centralized offset by disbursing officials within the Department of the Treasury.

As matches of Treasury systems of records, the intended matches may be internal matches which are not subject to the requirements of the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (see 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(8)(B)(v)(II)). The preparation of this Notice and any other documents which would be required for matching programs is intended to assure compliance with the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, if judicial interpretation would deem either or both of these types of computerized comparisons a "matching program." This notice should not be construed as a determination or admission by the agency that these matches are "matching programs."

The DCIA provides authority for Treasury to waive subsections (o) and (p) of 5 U.S.C. 552a (relating to computer matching agreements and post-offset notification and verification) upon written certification by the head of a State or an executive, judicial, or legislative agency seeking to collect the claim that the requirements of subsection (a) of 31 U.S.C. 3716 have been met. Such waiver(s) will be in effect prior to the commencement of the computer matching program(s). Interested parties may obtain documentation concerning the waiver from the contact listed above.

FMS previously published two notices concerning these matching activities. The first notice, published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1996, Volume 61 at page 7041, covered the matching of records contained in FMS systems .014 and .002. That computer matching notice, which predated the passage of the DCIA, concerned collection of delinquent debts owed to the Federal Government by Federal civil service annuitants through administrative offset of Federal employee retirement payments.

The second notice, published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1997, Volume 62 at page 7825, covered the matching of records contained in FMS systems .014 and .016. The purpose of those computer matches is to collect, through offset, delinquent debt owed to the Federal Government.

Computer matches performed pursuant to this notice may be broader than those described in the previous matching notices. Records concerning individuals who owe delinquent debts to States and/or past-due support being enforced by States, as well as those who

owe debts to the Federal Government, will be included in the matches. The matching of records contained in Treasury/FMS .002 will not be limited to records concerning civil service annuitants. The matching of records contained in Treasury/FMS .002 and Treasury/FMS .014 will be performed in accordance with the requirements of the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, except for the requirements of subsections (o) and (p) of 552a which will have been waived.

NAME OF SOURCE AGENCY:

Financial Management Service

NAME OF RECIPIENT AGENCY:

Financial Management Service

BEGINNING AND COMPLETION DATES:

These programs of computer matches will commence not earlier than the thirtieth day after this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. The matching will continue indefinitely, or until the waiver from the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a(o) and (p) is revoked.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of these programs of computer matches is to identify payments made to individuals who owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government or to State Governments, as well as individuals who owe past-due support which will be collected by offset pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3716, and to offset such payments where appropriate to satisfy those debts.

AUTHORITY:

Authority for these programs of computer matches is granted under 31 U.S.C. 3716.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED:

Individuals receiving payments from the Federal Government which are disbursed by the Financial Management Service; and individuals who owe debts to the United States and/or a State Government, or who owe past-due support being enforced by a State Government, and whose debts may be collected by offset in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3716.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS COVERED:

Included in these programs of computer matches is information concerning the debtor contained in the Debt Collection Operations System (Treasury/FMS .014) including name, taxpayer identification number, the amount of the indebtedness, the name and address of the State or Federal agency who is principally responsible for collecting the debt, and the name, phone number and address of a State or

agency contact. Information contained in Payment Issue Records for Regular Recurring Benefit Payments (Treasury/FMS .002) and Payment Records for Other than Regular Recurring Benefit Payments (Treasury/FMS .016) which shall be included in these programs of computer matches shall include name, taxpayer identification number, mailing address, and the amount of payment.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Alex Rodriguez,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Crime Gun Information Referral/Request Form.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 27, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dale Armstrong, Firearms Enforcement Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Crime Gun Information Referral/Request Form.

OMB Number: 1512-0541.

Form Number: ATF F 3312.1.

Abstract: ATF F 3312.1 is used by Federal, State and local law enforcement to request that ATF trace

firearms used, or suspected to have been used, in crimes. The form is also used by the national law enforcement community to refer information regarding stolen firearms, obliterated serial numbers, or suspect guns to the ATF National Tracing Center. The record retention requirement for this information collection is 20 years.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,166.

REQUEST 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 the 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: August 22, 1997.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Letter Application to Obtain Authorization For the Assembly of a Nonsporting Rifle or Nonsporting Shotgun For the Purpose of Testing and Evaluation.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 27, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dottie Morales, Firearms and Explosives Operations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Letter Application to Obtain Authorization For the Assembly of A Nonsporting Rifle or Nonsporting Shotgun For the Purpose of Testing and Evaluation.

OMB Number: 1512-0510.

Abstract: This information collection is required by ATF to provide a means to obtain authorization for the assembly of a nonsporting rifle or nonsporting shotgun for the purpose of testing or evaluation.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3.

Request 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