fixed income securities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y; and investment advisory activities, especially advice with respect to real estate equity and debt investments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. R–0997]

Treatment of U.S. Companies Operating in Government Debt Market in the Netherlands

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice of study and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Primary Dealers Act of 1988, which became effective on August 23, 1989, the Federal Reserve may not designate or permit the continuation of the designation of any person of a foreign country as a primary dealer in government debt instruments if such foreign country does not accord to U.S. companies the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of government debt instruments issued by such country as such country accords to its domestic companies. Pursuant to this Act, the Federal Reserve is reviewing the government debt market of the Netherlands and requests public comment on the treatment of U.S. companies with respect to the Netherlands' government debt market, focusing in particular on the treatment of U.S. companies relative to domestic firms.

DATE: Comments must be received by February 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, which should refer to Docket No. R–0997, may be mailed to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20551, to the attention of Mr. William W. Wiles, Secretary. Comments addressed to the attention of Mr. Wiles may also be delivered to the Board's mailroom between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mailroom and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, NW. Comments will be available for inspection and copying by members of the public in the Freedom of Information Office, Room MP–500, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in section 261.8 of the Board's Rules Regarding the Availability of Information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen O'Day, Associate General Counsel (202/452–3786), or Ann Misback, Managing Senior Counsel (202/452–3788), Legal Division; or Larry Promisel, Senior Advisor (202/452–3533), Division of International Finance; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For the hearing impaired *only,* Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), Diane Jenkins (202/452–3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets NW., Washington, D.C. 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Primary Dealers Act of 1988 (''Act''), 22 U.S.C. §§ 5341–5342, the Federal Reserve may not permit a person of a foreign country to act as a primary dealer in U.S. government securities if the person's home country does not accord U.S. companies the same competitive opportunities as the foreign country accords domestic companies in underwriting and distributing government debt obligations of such foreign country. A ''person of a foreign country'' includes any foreign individual or company that directly or indirectly controls a primary dealer.

A subsidiary of a bank organized in the Netherlands proposes to be designated as a primary dealer in U.S. government securities. Accordingly, in order to make the determination required by the Act, the Federal Reserve is undertaking a study of the government debt market of the Netherlands to determine whether U.S. companies are accorded national treatment in their access to that market.

The Federal Reserve would welcome the views of U.S. firms or other persons on the specific respects in which U.S. companies are accorded, or are not accorded, the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of Dutch government debt instruments as the Netherlands accords to Dutch domestic companies. All such comments, which should be submitted by February 27, 1998, would be considered in the context of the study of this market.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Heat, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1997 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

5 CFR 1320.5 (General requirements) Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements: Finale Rule requires that the agency inform the potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information is required to be stated in the 30-day **Federal Register** Notice.

Proposed Collection

Title: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925–0281). *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This project involves a physical examination and a survey of an additional sample of 45–64 year old persons living in the same communities as the original ARIC Study participant. Information from this sample and from the original cohort collected 10 years earlier will be used to assess temporal trends in selected atherosclerosis risk factor domains. *Frequency of Response:* The recruited individuals will participate in a home interview and an in-clinic examination. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Adults 45–64 years old. The annual reporting burden is an follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8356; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 4.071; *Average Burden Hours per Response:* 0.5211; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 17,726. The cost to the respondents consists of their time; time

is estimated using a rate of $10.00 per hour. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: $23,820. There are no Capital Costs. There are no Operating and Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments To OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ms. Suzanne Anthony, Project Clearance Liaison, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH, Building 31, Room 5A10, MSC 2490, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892–2490 or call non-toll free number (301) 496–9737, or e-mail your request or comments, including your address, to: AnthonyS@gwgate.nhlbi.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before January 28, 1998.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Sheila E. Merritt,

Executive Officer, NHLBI.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, National Donor Research and Education Study–II

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This proposed information collection was previously published in Volume 62, Number 86 of the **Federal Register** on May 5, 1997 (page 24,492) and allowed 60 days for public comment. One comment was received. An individual requested a summary of the study protocol, which was provided to them. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised or implemented on or after October 1, 1995 unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection

Title: National Donor Research and Education Study–II. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with changes to OMB #0925–0383, Expiration date: 1/31/96. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This study is the second large anonymous mail survey to be sent to a random sample of blood donors at five blood centers participating in the Retrovirus Epidemiology Donor Study (REDS). In addition to the REDS blood centers, this survey will also be sent to a sample of donors in selected non-REDS regions that utilize a variety of donor incentives. Study results will provide data for monitoring the safety of the U.S. blood supply, and will facilitate the development, evaluation and refinement of educational, recruitment and qualification strategies for U.S. blood donors. The proposed new study will update and extend the unique findings obtained in the first blood donor survey so as to minimize the likelihood that donors with risk factors for transfusion-transmitted diseases will enter the blood donor pool. There is a strong likelihood that, like the first survey effort, the resulting findings will be directly applied to blood banking operational practice. The new survey is specifically designed to obtain data on the prevalence and impact of donor incentives on donor retention and blood safety. The FDA has identified this as a priority area for investigation. Other specific objectives of this survey are to: (1) Evaluate donor understanding and acceptance, and the safety impact of newly-changed laboratory and donor screening procedures that have been implemented since the previous donor survey study (e.g., removal of the confidential unit exclusion ''CUE'' process at two REDS sites; additional questions about Creutzfeldt-jakob and parasitic diseases; and addition of HIV p24 antigen testing); (2) Estimate the efficacy, safety impact and donor acceptance of new donor screening procedures that are anticipated to occur within the next 12–24 months (e.g., improved CUE procedures, implementation of computer-assisted donor screening); (3) Provide ''pre-'' (baseline) and ''post-'' (evaluation) measures for new donor qualification procedures expected to occur operationally at blood centers within the time period of study including: deferral for intranasal cocaine use in the past year; modification of the time period for sexual risk deferrals from ''since 1977'' to within the past (12 or 24) months; clarification of wording regarding sexual contact with ''at-risk'' individuals; and addition of questions about donating primarily for the purpose of receiving the test results for the AIDS virus; (4) Assess changes in the prevalence and characteristics of donors who report donating for therapeutic reasons (e.g., those with iron storage disease), and donors who report donating primarily to receive test results for the AIDS virus as a result of the March 1996 implementation of HIV p24 antigen testing; (5) Determine the extent to which active donors with reactive tests for anti-HBc and syphilis have increased levels of behavioral risks that should have resulted in deferral; (6) Measure the extent to which seropositivity for current syphilis screening tests predicts a recent history of diagnosed syphilis; (7) Measure blood donor knowledge of infectious disease risks and the behavioral factors that should defer them from donating, to identify weaknesses in the current donor educational process, and (8) Assess the attitudes of donors regarding establishment of stored frozen repositories from their donations, use of these samples for future research testing designed to improve transfusion safety, and the adequacy of different levels of