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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Criminal Division

Agency Information Collection

Activities: existing collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Extension of existing collection: Foreign Agents Registration Act Form (Short-Form Registration Statement) as required by Rule 202(e) of the Act.

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1997, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the Criminal Division.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 24, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 3120.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item 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, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Short-Form Registration Statement.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form CRM-156. Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Others: Not-for-profit institutions, and individuals or households. Form is used to register foreign agents as required by 22 U.S.C. 611, *et seq.*

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 350 respondents at .429 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 150 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information please contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; application for permit to import controlled substances for domestic and/or scientific purposes pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952.

The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 23, 1998.

We are requesting written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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 Mr. Paul Hugentober, 202-307-2414, Chief, International Drug Unit, Operations Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537. If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Mr. Paul Hugentober.

Additionally, comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additional comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile at 202-514-1590.

Overview of this information collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Permit to Import Controlled Substances for Domestic and/or Scientific Purposes pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952.

3. *Agency form number:* DEA Form 357; Applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None.

Title 21, CFR, 1312.12 requires any registrant who desires to import certain controlled substances into the United States to apply on DEA Form 357. Information is needed to determine the suitability for issuance of an Import Permit, ensure that import quotas are not exceeded, and provide the United Nations with information concerning legitimate traffic in narcotics.

1. An estimate of the total estimated number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 237 respondents at 1 response per year at 15 minutes per response.

2. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 59.25 annual burden hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

[Public Law 94-409; 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b]

Record of Vote of Meeting Closure

I, Michael J. Gaines, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission which started at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to decide three appeals from the National Commissioners' decisions pursuant to 28 CFR Section 2.27. Three Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certifications of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made,

seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting be closed: Michael J. Gaines, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., and John R. Simpson.

In witness whereof, I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Michael J. Gaines,

Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning four information collections: (1) Claim for Reimbursement-Assisted Reemployment, CA-2231; (2) Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Transportation Requirements, WH-514, and Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Labor Safety Standards, WH-514a; (3) Records to be Kept by Employers (Fair Labor Standards Act); (4) Certification by School Official, CM-981. Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 5, 1998. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Contact Ms. Patricia Forkel at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601. The Fax number is (202) 219-6592. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The Act provides vocational rehabilitation services to eligible injured Federal employees which are paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund. Authority has been granted to provide amounts from the fund to reimburse the employer for a portion of the salary of reemployed disabled Federal workers. The information collected on the Form CA-2231 is used to facilitate prompt reimbursement to certain employers who employ such workers.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect information necessary to ensure timely and accurate payments to eligible employers for reimbursement claims.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Claim for Reimbursement—Assisted Reemployment.

OMB Number: 1215-0178.

Agency Numbers: CA-2231.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 180.

Frequency: Quarterly.