

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CHX-98-19 and should be submitted by August 25, 1998.

For the Commission, the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Information Collection Activities

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as information collection packages submitted to OMB for clearance, in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests and Comment Requests

I. The information collection(s) listed below require(s) extension(s) of the current OMB approval(s) or are proposed new collection(s):

1. Manchaca Ruling Compliance Survey—0960-NEW. In accordance with the terms of the United States District

Court ruling on *MANCHACA et al. v. Chater*, the Social Security Administration (SSA) must inform social security and supplemental security income (SSI) applicants/recipients about benefits under the food stamp program and make available food stamp applications to these individuals. SSA is also required to complete food stamp applications for SSI applicants/recipients when all members of the individual's household are receiving SSI benefits. The terms of the settlement agreement include a provision that SSA is to conduct a study in the State of Texas, locus of the class action litigation, to determine the Agency's effectiveness in promoting the goals of joint processing and the extent of the Agency's compliance with food stamp procedures. As part of the study, SSA will survey a random sample of social security and SSI applicants/recipients to determine public understanding of SSA's role in the food stamp process. The study will determine the level of the respondent's awareness of food stamp processing in SSA field offices in Texas, and the degree to which field offices have complied with the food stamp application procedures. The information will be included in a report which will be provided to the Commissioner of SSA, the court and the plaintiffs.

Number of Respondents: 450.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 112.5 hours.

2. Verification of Identity of Internet Requestors of Information from SSA Records—0960-NEW. SSA has established a process for verifying the identity of individual's who use the Internet to request information from SSA records. The electronic screens request specific information which will allow the public to establish their identity with SSA. These screens must be completed in order for the requestor to use certain Internet applications, such as a 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 to the 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.

3. Electronic Request for Benefit Verification Information—SSA provides verification of benefits, when requested, to individuals receiving social security or SSI 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 social security or SSI 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.

4. Information Collections Conducted by State Disability Determination Services (DDS) on Behalf of SSA—0960-0555. The State DDS's collect certain information to administer SSA's disability program. The information collected is as follows: (1) Medical evidence requirements (MER)—DDSs use MER information to determine a person's physical and/or mental status prior to making a disability determination; (2) CE providers—DDSs use the CE provider information to verify a medical provider's credentials and license before hiring them to conduct consultative exams; (3) consultative exams (CE)—DDSs use CE information to make disability determinations when the claimant's own medical sources cannot or will not provide the information; DDSs use the information obtained from claimants under the CE process to obtain release of medical information to personal physicians and to confirm scheduled CE appointments; (4) activities of daily living—this information, together with medical evidence, are part of the evidentiary documentation used by the DDS's in evaluating a person's disability, and (5) pain information—this information is used by the DDSs to assess the effects of symptoms on functionality for determining disability. The respondents are medical providers and disability claimants.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

(1) MER: (Respondents—Medical Providers)

Number of Responses: 9.181 million
Frequency of Response: Unknown.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes
Estimated Annual Burden: 2,295,250

(2) CE Providers (Respondents—Medical Providers)

Number of Responses: 6,300.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden: 20 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 2,100 hours.

(3) CE: (Respondents—Medical Providers)

Number of Responses: 3 million.
Frequency of Response: Unknown.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 1.5 million.

CE: (Respondents—Claimants)

| | Appointment letter | Medical release form |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Number of Responses | 750,000 | 1.5 million. |
| Frequency of Response | 2 | 2. |
| Average Burden Per Response | 5 minutes | 5 minutes. |
| Estimated Annual Burden | 125,000 hours | 250,000 hours. |

(4) ADL: (Respondents—Claimants)

ADL
Number of Responses: 2,264,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 566,000 hours.

(5) Pain: (Respondents—Claimants)

Number of Responses: 1,000,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Average Burden: 250,000 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.

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. Medical Report (General)—0960-0052. The information on Form SSA-3826 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine the claimant's physical status prior to making a disability determination and to document disability claims folders with the medical evidence. The respondents are physicians, hospitals, directors and medical records librarians.

Number of Respondents: 750,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 375,000 hours.

2. Payment of Certain Travel Expenses—0960-0434. SSA uses the information required by 20 CFR, §§ 404.999(d) and 416.1499 to reimburse a claimant who has been required to travel over 75 miles to appear at a medical examination or a disability hearing. The respondents are claimants who travel more than 75 miles in order to attend a medical examination or a disability hearing.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 8,333 hours.

3. Social Security Request for Information—0960-0531. The information on Form SSA-6231 is used by SSA to complete or to clarify data on Forms SSA-623 or SSA-6230, previously provided by representative payees. The respondents are representative payees who furnished incomplete or unclear information.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 25,000 hours.

4. Statement Regarding Student's Attendance—0960-0113. The information on Form SSA-2434 is used to determine student entitlement status for the children of coal miners, the children of their widows or the brothers of deceased coal miners eligible for black lung benefits. The respondents are dependents of deceased coal miners as cited above, who are attending school and about to attain age 18.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 8 hours.

5. Request for the Correction of Earning Records—0960-0029. Form SSA-7008 is used by individual wage earners to request that SSA review, and if necessary, correct the Agency's master record of their earnings. The respondents are individuals who question SSA's record of their earnings.
Number of Respondents: 375,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 62,500 hours.

6. Plan for Achieving Self Support—0960-0559. The information on form SSA-545 is collected by SSA when a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) applicant/recipient desires to use available income and resources to obtain education and/or training in order to become self-supportive. The information is used to evaluate the recipient's plan for achieving self-support to determine whether the plan may be approved under the provisions of the SSI program. The respondents are SSI applicants/recipients who are blind or disabled.

Number of Respondents: 7,000.
Frequency of Response: Varies per individual.
Average Burden Per Response: 120 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 11,000 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: Laura Oliven, 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 clearance packages, call the SSA
Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-
4145 or write to him at the address
listed above.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

Judith T. Hasche,

*Deputy Office Director, OPUM, Social
Security Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2825]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Suspension of Munitions Export Licenses and Other Approvals Destined for Russian Companies and Related Matters

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act and section 126.7 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, all licenses and other approvals for defense articles and defense services involving certain Russian entities, identified below, are suspended, effective immediately. Notice is further given that it is the policy of the United States to deny licenses, other approvals, exports and temporary imports of defense articles and defense services destined for these Russian entities. In addition, on July 15, 1998, the White House announced that the policy of the United States Government is to deny U.S. Government assistance to these Russian entities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rose Biancaniello, Deputy Director, Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, 703-812-2568 (for information about export licenses) or Vann H. Van Diepen, Director, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Department of State 202-647-1142 (for information about United States Government assistance).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 15, 1998, the White House announced

that the U.S. will suspend immediately any U.S. Government program or assistance to certain entities that are the subject of special investigations by the Russian Government, and will impose trade restrictions on such entities. Section 126.7 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) provides that any application for an export license or other approval under the ITAR may be disapproved, and any license or other approval or exemption granted under the ITAR may be revoked, suspended or amended without prior notice under various circumstances, including whenever such action is deemed to be in furtherance of world peace, the national security or the foreign policy of the United States or is otherwise advisable.

Pursuant to section 126.7(a)(1) of the ITAR, it is deemed that suspending the following foreign entities from participating in any activities subject to Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act would be in furtherance of the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, until further notice, the Department of State is hereby suspending all licenses and other approvals for: (a) exports and other transfers of defense articles and defense services from the United States; (b) transfers of U.S.-origin defense articles and defense services from foreign destinations; and (c) temporary import of defense articles to or from the following entities:

Baltic State Technical University
(including at 1/21, 1-ya
Krasnoarmeiskaya Ul., 198005 St.
Petersburg, Russia);

Europalace 2000 (including at
Moscow, Russia);

Glavkosmos (including at 9
Krasno proletarskaya st., 103030
Moscow, Russia);

Grafit (aka State Scientific Research
Institute of Graphite or NIIGRAFIT)
(including at 2 Ulitsa Elektrodnya,
111524 Moscow, Russia);

INOR Scientific Center (including at
Moscow, Russia);

MOSO Company (including at
Moscow, Russia); and

Polyus Scientific Production
Association (including at 3 Ulitsa
Vvedenskogo, 117342 Moscow, Russia).

Moreover, it is the policy of the United States to deny licenses and other approvals for exports and temporary imports of defense articles and defense services destined for these Russian entities. In addition, on July 15, 1998, the White House announced that the policy of the United States Government is to deny U.S. Government assistance to these Russian entities.

Dated: July 24, 1998.

John P. Barker,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export
Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.*
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STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, August 1,
1998, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday,
August 2, 1998, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Marriott's Griffin Gate, 1800
Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky
40511.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: FY 1998
grant requests, FY 1999 Grant
Guidelines, internal Institute business
matters.

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: All
matters other than those noted as closed
below.

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: Internal
personnel matters and Board of
Directors' committee meetings.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
David I. Tevelin, Executive Director,
State Justice Institute, 1650 King Street,
Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703)
684-6100.

David I. Tevelin,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the **Federal Register**, listing information collection request submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities,