

to whether the disability benefits should continue or be terminated. The respondents are Social Security Disability benefit recipients.

*Number of Respondents:* 830,175.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 415,088 hours.

3. *Statement by School Official About Student's Attendance; Statement to U.S. Social Security Administration by School Outside the U.S. About Student's Attendance—0960-0090.* The information collected on Forms SSA-1371 and SSA-1371-FC is used by SSA to verify a student's alleged full-time attendance at an educational institution, in order to determine the student's eligibility for Social Security student benefits. The respondents are the school officials who provide the information on these forms.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 833 hours.

4. *Reconsideration Disability Report—0960-0144.* SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-3441 to determine if the claimant's medical or vocational situation changed after the initial disability determination, when the claimant requests a reconsideration of a denied disability claim. The form also elicits additional sources of medical and vocational evidence, which was not considered in the initial determination. The respondents are disability beneficiaries who request a reconsideration.

*Number of Respondents:* 400,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 200,000 hours.

5. *Agreement to Sell Property—0960-0127.* The information on Form SSA-8060-U3 is used by SSA field office personnel to authorize payment of conditional benefits to individuals or couples who are otherwise eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits (but whose resources exceed the allowable limit), and at the end of the conditional payment period, to institute overpayment recovery procedures. Form SSA-8060-U3 documents this agreement and ensures that the individuals understand their obligations. The respondents are applicants for and recipients of SSI benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 3,333 hours.

6. *Modified Benefit Formula Questionnaire—0960-0395.* The information collected on Form SSA-150 is needed by SSA to determine the correct formula to use in computing Social Security benefits for someone who also receives benefits from employment not covered by Social Security. The respondents consist of claimants for Social Security benefits who are also entitled to benefits not covered by Social Security.

*Number of Respondents:* 90,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 6,000 hours.

7. *Application for Survivors Benefits—0960-0062.* SSA collects the information on Form SSA-24 to determine whether insured status exists in order for the claimant to complete the appropriate SSA survivor application. If entitlement does not exist, SSA may disallow the claim. If an SSA survivor application has already been filed, Form SSA-24 is treated as a duplicate application. The respondents are survivors of military service veterans filing for Social Security benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,200.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 800 hours.

8. *Medical Report (Individual With Childhood Impairment)—0960-0102.* The information collected on Form SSA-3827 is used by SSA to determine whether an individual with a childhood impairment medically qualifies for benefits or payments under the provisions of the Social Security Act, based on the medical aspects of an individual's claim or application. The respondents are attending physicians/medical sources.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 6,000 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: Desk Officer for SSA,  
New Executive Office Building, Room  
10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington,  
D.C. 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: October 29, 1998.

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

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submissions for OMB Review

The information collection package listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Information Collections Conducted by State Disability Determination Services (DDS) on Behalf of SSA—0960-0555. The State DDSs 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) consultative exam (CE) provider information—DDSs use the CE provider information to verify medical providers' credentials and licenses before hiring them to conduct CEs; (3) CEs—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 and other 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.

**MER: (Respondents-Medical Providers)**

Number of Responses: 9,182,836.  
 Frequency of Response: Unknown.  
 Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.  
 Estimate Annual Burden: 2,295,709 hours.

**CE: (Respondents-Medical Providers)**

Number of Responses: 3,001,500.  
 Frequency of Response: Unknown.  
 Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.  
 Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500,750 hours.

**CE: (Respondents-Claimants)**

|                              | Appointment form | Medical release |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Number of Respondents.       | 750,375 ..       | 1,500,750.      |
| Frequency of Response.       | 2 .....          | 2.              |
| Average Burden Per Response. | 5 minutes        | 5 minutes.      |
| Estimated Annual Burden.     | 125,062 hours.   | 250,125 hours   |

**CE Providers (Respondents-Medical Providers)**

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

**ADL: (Respondents-Claimants)**

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

**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.

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.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection 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, D.C. 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: October 27, 1998.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2918]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment; Meeting Notice**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 am on Tuesday, November 24, 1998, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the forty second session of the Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for March 8-12, 1999, at IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Among other things, items of particular interest are: revision of the High Speed Craft Code; emergency towing arrangements for tankers; safety aspects of ballast water management; guidelines on helicopter landing areas; prohibition of the use of asbestos on board new ships; development of a code on polar navigation; development on requirements for wing-in-ground craft; international approval procedures for life-saving appliances; standards and requirements for thermal protective litojackets; and guidelines under MARPOL Annex VI on prevention of air pollution from ships.

IMO works to develop international agreements, guidelines, and standards for the marine industry. In most cases, these form the basis for class society rules and national standards/regulations. Such an open meeting supports the U.S. Representative to the IMO Subcommittee in developing the U.S. position on those issues at the IMO

Subcommittee meetings. This open meeting serves as an excellent forum for the U.S. maritime industry to express their ideas and participate in the international rulemaking process. All members of the maritime industry are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the development of U.S. positions on those issues affecting your maritime industry and remain abreast of all activities ongoing within the IMO.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Wayne Lundy, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-3), 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-2206.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Request For Public Comment With Respect To The Annual National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services and overseas direct investment for inclusion in the NTE. Particularly important are impediments materially affecting the actual and potential financial performance of an industry sector. The TPSC invites written comments that provide views relevant to the issues to be examined in preparing the NTE.

**DATES:** Public comments are due not later than December 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW, Room 501, Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gloria Blue, Office of Policy Coordination, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3475.