

The Department of State will host a briefing on July 9, 1999, regarding the next Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). The Congress will convene in Beijing, China, from August 23 through September 16, 1999.

The briefing will be held on Friday, July 9, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m., in Room 1912 of the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC. The briefing will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room.

The briefing will provide information on major issues to be considered at the forthcoming UPU Congress and on significant policies and positions that the U.S. delegation expects to support. The briefing will be chaired by Ambassador E. Michael Southwick of the Department of State.

Entry to the Department of State building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. In order to arrange admittance, persons desiring to attend the briefing should, no later than noon on July 7, 1999, notify the Office of Technical Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, preferably by fax, providing the name of the meeting and the individual's name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number. The fax number to use is (202) 647-8902. Voice telephone is (202) 647-1044. This request applies to both government and non-government individuals.

All attendees must use the Department of State "diplomatic" entrance at 22nd and "C" Streets, N.W. One of the following means of identification will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or any U.S. Government agency identification card.

Questions concerning the briefing may be directed to Ms. Tina Wilson at (202) 647-1526.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

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Director, Office of Technical Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Office of Transportation Policy and Federal Aviation Administration, Civil Aero Medical Institute; Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT and Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation, DOT, intentions to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by no later than August 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Four (4) copies of any comments should be sent to the Safety and Health Division (P-140), Office of Transportation Policy, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert M. Clarke, Office of the Secretary, Office of Transportation Policy Development (P-100), Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-2916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Infant Travel Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0536.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Children 2 years of age and younger are exempt from the FAA requirement that they be restrained in a seat during transport airplane takeoffs and landings. In February 1997, the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security recommended that this exemption be eliminated, requiring instead that those children be placed in a separate aircraft seat equipped with an approved Child Restraint System (CRS). In May 1995, in response to Section 522 of the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-305, the FAA published a report on CRS use in transport category aircraft. A subsequent reanalysis of this issue conducted by staff in the OST Policy Office has yielded different conclusions, because certain of the assumptions used

in the FAA study were deemed untenable.

FAA issued an ANPRM in April 2, 1998 (the comment period closed June 28), seeking technical comments about what types of CRS could/should be used in transport category aircraft. Responses to those questions provide needed technical information relative to implementation of CRS aboard transport airplanes, but economic questions related to the issue were not included in that Notice. This deficiency resulted in little information, on which to assess the validity of the assumptions used in its analysis, being received from the traveling public by the FAA.

Accordingly, there is a need to gauge the impact that requiring use of CRS would have on travelers accompanied by infants and small children, 2 years of age and less. Information needs to be obtained about the types of trips (length, purpose, mode of travel) on which such children accompany adults; the prevalence of actual CRS use, relative to air travel by infants and small children; the factors that determine whether CRS are being used for such children; and what types of changes to these travel events would result from requiring the use of CRS.

Respondents: This is a relatively small-scale, one-time survey that is not conducive to electronic collection techniques. Face-to-face interviews, conducted in the departure waiting lounges at hub airports, will be obtained with randomly-selected adults accompanied by infants and small children in actual air-travel status. The interview will conform to a scripted set of questions prepared for the interviewer, and the answer form will be partially machine-coded for ease of data reduction by the research team. This survey will target individual or paired adults (typically parents) travelling with infants and small children.

Average Annual Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 74.7 hours.

The information collection is available for inspection at the Safety and Health Division (P-140), Room 10309, Office of Transportation Policy, DOT.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 25, 1999.

Robert M. Clarke,

Safety and Health Team Leader, Office of Transportation Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 1999-5220]

Information Collection by Agency Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the information Collection Reports (ICRs) abstracted below to OMB for review and comments. Our ICRs describe the information that we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure that we impose on the public the lightest burden of paperwork compatible with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before July 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send comment to both (1) the Docket Management Facility (DMS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Streets S.W., Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of OMB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer of the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG-1999-5220 of the DMS between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-SII-2). Headquarters of the U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC, also between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this document, call Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management of the Coast Guard at 202-

267-2326. For questions on this docket, call Dorothy Walker, Chief of Dockets of the DMS, at 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OMB. The Coast Guard has already published [64 FR 13463 (March 18, 1999)] the 60-day notice required by OMB. The request elicited no comments.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, whether to DMS or to OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Numbers of all ICRs addressed by the comments. Comments to DMS must contain the docket-number of the request, USCG 1999-5220. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having there full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

Information Collection Request

Title: Firefighting Equipment, Structural Fire Protection Materials, Lifesaving Equipment, and Marine Sanitation Devices.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0141.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Manufacturers of safety equipment and material.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The information in this report is necessary to ensure compliance with our rules governing specific types of safety equipment and materials installed on commercial vessels and pleasure craft. Manufacturers must submit drawings, specifications, and laboratory test reports to the Coast Guard before it gives any approval.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 7,220 hours annually.

Title: Plan Review for Facilities with Vapor Control System (VCSs).

OMB Control Number: 2115-0581.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Marine facilities with VCSs and VCS-certifying entities.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The information in this report is necessary to ensure compliance with our rules for the design of a facility's VCS. It is also necessary so we can determine the qualifications of a certifying entity.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 1,390 hours annually.

Title: Electrical Engineering Regulations—46 CFR Subchapter J.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0115.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels, and shipbuilders.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The information in this report is necessary to ensure compliance with our electrical-engineering rules for the design and construction of U.S.-flag commercial vessels.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 478 hours annually.

Title: Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0013.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Shipping agents, and operators of terminals that handle hazardous materials.

Form(s): CG-4260.

Abstract: The information in this form CG-4260 allows the U.S. Coast Guard to determine whether the applicant is following safe practices for the stowage and handling of explosives and hazardous materials.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 395 hours annually.

Title: Application Manual and Amendments for Facilities Transferring Oil and Hazardous Materials in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0078.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of facilities.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The information in this report is necessary to ensure compliance with our rules for facilities transferring oil and hazardous materials in bulk.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 22,632 hours annually.

Title: Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0629.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.