

*merpac.htm*.) The measures proposed here, again, are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. They are also available from Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this Notice [USCG 2001–9269];

- The specific section of the performance measures to which each comment applies; and

- The reason for each comment.

You may mail, deliver, fax, or electronically submit your comments and related material to the Docket Management Facility, using an address or fax number listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please do not submit the same comment or material more than once. If you mail or deliver your comments and material, they must be on 8½-by-11-inch paper, and the quality of the copy should be clear enough for copying and scanning. If you mail your comments and material and would like to know whether the Facility received them, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the 60-day comment period.

Once we have considered all comments and related material, we will publish a final version of the national performance measures for use as guidelines by the general public. Individuals and institutions assessing the competence of mariners may refine the final version of these measures and develop innovative alternatives. If you vary from the final version of these measures, however, you must submit your alternative to the National Maritime Center for approval by the Coast Guard under 46 CFR 10.303(e) before you use it as part of an approved course or training program.

Dated: March 28, 2001.

**Howard L Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Merced County, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an

environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Merced County, California.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Glenn Clinton, Team Leader, Program Delivery Team—North, California Division, Federal Highway Administration, 980 9th Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814–2724.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Highways Administration, in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to build a bypass in the vicinity of the City of Los Banos in Merced County, California, in order to improve the flow of traffic on State Route 152 and reduce congestion within the city. This bypass would begin at Post Mile 16, east of Volta Road, and end approximately at Post Mile 25. State Route 152 serves as a major east-west link between the major north-south roadways of State Route 99, State Route 101, and Interstate 5. Currently the flow of traffic along State Route 152 must slow as it enters the City of Los Banos. Because State Route 152 currently passes through the center of the City of Los Banos, considerable traffic congestion would be relieved by construction of a bypass around the City. The proposed project is a 4-lane freeway on a 6-lane alignment.

Four alternatives are being considered at this time: three build alternatives and a No Action Alternative (Alternative 4). All build alternatives would realign State Route 152 so that the route would bypass the City of Los Banos. Alternatives 1 and 2 would follow an alignment south of the City of Los Banos. Alternative 1 would parallel north of Copa De Ora Avenue and Alternative 2 would parallel south of Pioneer Road. Alternative 3 would follow an alignment to the north of the City of Los Banos.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments were sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. The Public Participation Program for this study includes community information meetings (the first was held August 24, 2000), and a formal Public Hearing in the summer of 2002.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed, and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. If you have any information regarding historic resources, endangered species, or other sensitive issues, which could be

affected by this project, please notify this office. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: March 29, 2001.

**Glenn Clinton,**

*Team Leader, Program Delivery Team—North, Sacramento, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 29, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 7, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

#### **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545–0004.

*Form Number:* IRS Form SS–8.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.

*Description:* Form SS–8 is used by employers and workers to furnish information to IRS in order to obtain a determination as to whether a worker is an employee for purposes of Federal employment taxes and income tax withholding. IRS uses this information to make the determination.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 69,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*  
Recordkeeping—22 hr., 0 min.  
Learning about the law or the form—47 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 11 min.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 165,462 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0008.

*Form Number:* IRS Forms W-2, W-2c, W-2AS, W-2GU, W-2VI, W-3, W-3c, W-3cPR, W-3SS.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Wage and Tax Statements W-2/W-3 Series.

*Description:* Employers report income and withholding on Form W-2. Forms W-2AS, W-2GU and W-2VI are the United States possessions versions of Form W-2. The Form W-3 series is used to transmit Forms W-2 to the Social Security Administration (SSA). Forms W-2C, W-3c and W-3cPR are used to

correct previously filed Forms W-2, W-3 and W-3cPR. Individuals use Form W-2 to prepare their income tax returns.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,882,789.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:*

Form	Response (minutes)
W-2 .....	30
W-2c .....	51
W-2AS .....	23
W-2GU .....	24
W-2VI .....	24
W-3 .....	29
W-3c .....	22
W-3cPR .....	30
W-3PR .....	27
W-3SS .....	24

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1 hour.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0057.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1024.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a).

*Description:* Organizations seeking exemption from Federal Income tax under Internal Revenue Code section 501(a) as an organization described in most paragraphs of section 501(c) must use Form 1024 to apply for exemption. The information collected is used to determine whether the organization qualifies for tax-exempt status.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 4,718.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Form/schedule	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing and sending the form to the IRS
1024, Parts I-III .....	53 hr., 5 min .....	2 hr., 17 min .....	3 hr., 15 min.
Part IV .....	1 hr., 12 min .....	35 min .....	52 min.
Schedule A .....	2 hr., 52 min .....	18 min .....	21 min.
Schedule B .....	1 hr., 40 min .....	18 min .....	20 min.
Schedule C .....	58 min .....	12 min .....	13 min.
Schedule D .....	4 hr., 4 min .....	18 min .....	22 min.
Schedule E .....	1 hr., 40 min .....	18 min .....	20 min.
Schedule F .....	2 hr., 23 min .....	6 min .....	8 min.
Schedule G .....	1 hr., 55 min .....	6 min .....	8 min.
Schedule H .....	1 hr., 40 min .....	6 min .....	8 min.
Schedule I .....	5 hr., 30 min .....	30 min .....	37 min.
Schedule J .....	2 hr., 23 min .....	6 min .....	8 min.
Schedule K .....	3 hr., 21 min .....	6 min .....	10 min.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 291,542 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0582.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1139.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Corporation Application for Tentative Refund.

*Description:* Form 1139 is filed by corporations that expect to have a net operating loss, net capital loss, or unused general business credits carried back to a prior tax year. IRS uses Form 1139 to determine if the amount of the loss or unused credits is proper.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 3,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—26 hr., 33 min.

Learning about the law or the form—3 hr., 37 min.

Preparing the form—8 hr., 52 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 20 min.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 121,170 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1226.

*Regulation Project Number:* FI-59-89 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Proceeds of Bonds used for Reimbursement.

*Description:* The rules require record maintenance by a state or local government or section 501(c)(3) organization issuing tax-exempt bonds ("Issuer") to reimburse itself for previously-paid expenses. This recordkeeping will establish that the issuer had an intent, when it paid an expense, to later issue a reimbursement bond.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 2,500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper:* 2 hours, 24 minutes.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 6,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1572.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-120200-97 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Election Not to Apply Look-Back Method in De Minimis Cases.

*Description:* The regulations provide rules for electing the benefits of section 460(b)(6) regarding not applying the look-back method to long-term contracts in de minimis cases.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 12 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (once).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 4,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1574.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1098-T.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Tuition Payments Statement.

*Description:* Section 6050S of the Internal Revenue Code requires eligible education institutions to report certain information regarding tuition payments to the IRS and to students. Form 1098-T has been developed to meet this requirement.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 7,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 9 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,372,585 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1576.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1098-E.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Student Loan Interest Statement.

*Description:* Section 6050S(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code requires persons (financial institutions, governmental units, etc.) to report \$600 or more of interest paid on student loans to the IRS and the students.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 200,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 525,679 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1577.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-109704-97 NPRM.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* HIPAA Mental Health Parity Act; Interim Rules for Mental Health Parity (Temporary).

*Description:* The regulations provide guidance for group health plans with mental health benefits about requirements relating to parity in the dollar limits imposed on mental health benefits and medical/surgical benefits.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 7,053.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 28 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,280 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1579.

*Notice Number:* Notice 98-1.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Nondiscrimination Testing.

*Description:* This notice provides guidance for discrimination testing

under section 401(k) and (m) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended by section 1433(c) and (d) of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996. The guidance is directed to employers maintaining retirement plans subject to these Code sections.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 147,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 49,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1721.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8875.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Taxable REIT Subsidiary Election.

*Description:* A corporation and a REIT use Form 8875 to jointly elect to have the corporation treated as a taxable REIT subsidiary as provided in section 856(I).

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 1,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—6 hr., 56 min.  
Learning about the law or the form—18 min.

Preparing, copying, and sending the form to the IRS—25 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (one-time).

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 7,660 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

[T.D. 01-28]

#### **Tuna Fish—Tariff-Rate Quota—The Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 2001, on Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.20, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Announcement of the quota quantity for tuna fish for calendar year 2001.

**SUMMARY:** Each year, the tariff-rate quota for tuna fish described in subheading 1604.14.20, HTSUS, is based on canned tuna production by the United States for the preceding calendar year. This document sets forth the quota for calendar year 2001.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The calendar year 2001 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna fish entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period January 1, through December 31, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Constance Chancey, Chief, Quota/Visa Branch, Trade Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 927-5399.

### Background

It has been determined that 29,553,863 kilograms of tuna may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the calendar year 2001, at the rate of 6 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.20, HTSUS. Any such tuna which is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.30 HTSUS.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

**Charles W. Winwood,**

*Acting Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### **List of Foreign Entities Violating Textile Transshipment and Country of Origin Rules**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document notifies the public of foreign entities which have been issued a penalty claim under section 592 of the Tariff Act of 1930, for certain violations of the customs laws. This list is authorized to be published by section 333 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

**DATES:** This document notifies the public of the semiannual list for the 6-month period starting March 31, 2001, and ending September 30, 2001.