

with the protection of investors and the public interest, and the self-regulatory organization must file notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days beforehand. NASD has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing requirement and the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change will become immediately effective upon filing.

The Commission believes that waiving the five-day pre-filing provision and the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.¹⁵ The Commission believes that waiving the pre-filing requirement and accelerating the operative date should have no negative effect on the protection of investors, and should further the public interest by immediately providing members that have claims against other members, or claims against associated persons that relate exclusively to promissory notes, with a mechanism to resolve their disputes. During the period of this pilot program, the Commission and NASD will continue to monitor the status of the previously discussed litigation. For these reasons, the Commission designates that the proposed rule change as effective and operative immediately.

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 20549-0609. 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to File No.

¹⁵ For purposes of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

SR-NASD-2003-153 and should be submitted by November 25, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt (BPD))—Match Number 1038

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of the renewal of an existing computer matching program which is scheduled to expire on December 25, 2003.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces the renewal of an existing computer matching program that SSA is currently conducting with BPD.

DATES: SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 965-8582 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs, 245 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by describing the manner in which computer matching involving Federal agencies could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section

7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal agencies;
- (3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;
- (4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: October 3, 2003.

Martin H. Gerry,
Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt (BPD)

Dated: October 3, 2003.

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A. Participating Agencies

SSA and BPD.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, safeguards and procedures for BPD's disclosure of certain savings security information to SSA. (The term "savings security" means Series E, EE or I United States Savings Securities.) SSA will use the match results to verify eligibility and payment amounts of individuals under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The SSI program was created under title XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act) to provide benefits under the rules of that title to individuals with income and resources below levels established by law and regulations.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Sections 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f)).

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program

SSA will provide BPD with a finder file extracted from SSA's Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits system of records containing Social Security numbers of individuals who have applied for or receive SSI payments. This information will be matched with BPD files in BPD's savings-type securities registration systems of records (United States Savings Type Securities and Retail Treasury Securities Access Application) and a reply file of matched records will be furnished to SSA. Upon receipt of BPD's reply file, SSA will match identifying information from the BPD file with SSA's records to determine preliminarily whether the data pertain to the relevant SSI applicant or recipient before beginning the process of verifying savings security ownership and taking any necessary benefit actions.

E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective upon signing of the agreement by both parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of this matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed Between September 29 and October 24, 2003

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Agreements filed during week ending: October 3, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16247.

Date Filed: September 29, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC23 EUR-J/K 0102 dated

September 26, 2003,

PTC23/123 Europe-Japan, Korea,

Expedited Resolution 002bv r1.

PTC23 EUR-J/K 0103 dated

September 26, 2003,

PTC23/123 Europe-Japan, Korea,

Expedited Resolution 002by r2,

Intended effective date: November 1, 2003 and January 1, 2004.

Agreements filed during week ending: October 10, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16286.

Date Filed: October 6, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC23 ME-TC3 0186 dated

September 26, 2003,

TC23/TC123 Middle East-TC3

Resolutions r1-r39

Minutes: PTC23 ME-TC3 0187 dated

October 3, 2003,

Tables: PTC23 ME-TC3 Fares 0079

dated October 3, 2003,

Intended effective date: April 1, 2004.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16312.

Date Filed: October 10, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC31 N&C/CIRC 0251 dated October 10, 2003,

TC31 North and Central Pacific,

TC3 (except Japan)-North America,

Caribbean Expedited

Resolutions except between Korea

(Rep. of), Malaysia and USA,

PTC31 N&C/CIRC 0252 dated October 10, 2003,

TC31 North and Central Pacific,

TC3-Central America, South America

Expedited Resolutions r1-r16,

Intended effective date: December 1, 2003.

Agreements filed during week ending: October 17, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16325.

Date Filed: October 15, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

Mail Vote 335,

PTC2 EUR-AFR 0182 dated October 14, 2003,

Resolution 042e from Tunisia to

Libya,

Intended effective date: November 1, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16326.

Date Filed: October 15, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

Mail Vote 318,

PTC2 EUR-ME 0175 dated October 17, 2003,

TC2 Europe-Middle East,

Special Passenger Amending

Resolution, between Egypt and

Greece r1-r5,

Intended effective date: August 15, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16348.

Date Filed: October 17, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

CBPP/12/Meet/004/2003 dated

October 2, 2003,

Book of Finally Adopted Resolutions/

RP's r1-Reso 600a,

Minutes-CBPP/12/Meet/003/2003

dated October 2, 2003,

Intended effective date: January 1, 2004.

Agreements filed during week ending: October 24, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16353.

Date Filed: October 20, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

Mail Vote 336, 7PTC COMP 1098

dated October 21, 2003,

Resolutuion 024d-Angola,

Intended effective date: November 10, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16355.

Date Filed: October 21, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC23 EUR-J/K 0104 dated October 3, 2003,

PTC23/123 Europe-Japan, Korea

Resolutions r1-r27,

Minutes: PTC23 EUR-J/K 0105 dated

October 21, 2003,

Tables: PTC23 EUR-J/K Fares 0052

dated October 3, 2003,

Intended effective date: April 1, 2004.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16358.

Date Filed: October 21, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC23 EUR-SEA 0172 dated

September 19, 2003,

PTC23/123 Europe-South East Asia

Resolutions r1-r15,

Minutes: PTC23 EUR-SEA 0175 dated

October 17, 2003,

Tables: PTC23 EUR-SEA Fares 0050

dated September 19, 2003,

Intended effective date: April 1, 2004.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16388.

Date Filed: October 22, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: