

Burden: The burden for this regulation is reflected in the reporting and recordkeeping provisions of 31 CFR part 103.

15. *Title:* Special rules for casinos (31 CFR 103.64, 103.36(b)(10), and 103.38).

OMB Number: 1506-0009.

Abstract: This section provides special rules for casinos, including the requirement that casinos maintain a written compliance program.

Current Action: There is no change to the existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit institutions.

Burden: The estimated number of recordkeepers is 480. The estimated annual recordkeeping burden per recordkeeper is 100, for a total estimated annual recordkeeping burden of 48,000 hours.

16. *Title:* Administrative rulings (31 CFR 103.81-87).

OMB Number: 1506-0009.

Abstract: These sections address administrative rulings under the Bank Secrecy Act. They explain how to submit a ruling request (103.81), how non-conforming requests are handled (103.82), how oral communications are treated (103.83), how rulings are issued (103.85), how rulings are modified or rescinded (103.86), and how information in connection with a ruling may be disclosed (103.87).

Current Action: There is no change to the existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Burden: The estimated number of responses is 60 annually, with a burden of 1 hour per submission, for a total annual burden of 60 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information addressed in this notice: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years. Generally, information collected pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act is confidential, but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 22, 2008.

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Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—February 27, 2008, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.”

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on February 27, 2008 to address “China’s Views of Sovereignty and Methods of Access Control.”

Background

This event is the second in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic

relationship with China. The February 27 hearing is being conducted to obtain testimony on China’s views of sovereignty, arguments given for its views, how they differ from U.S. views of sovereignty, and the security implications that follow from these differences. Chinese internal ministerial differences on issues of sovereignty, as well as the ways in which China might use sovereignty claims to expand its territory and its influence through military and non-military means will also be examined. Other topics covered will include China’s growing naval presence and ways that China may be influencing the development of international sovereignty laws and norms in space and cyberspace.

The February 27 hearing will address “China’s Views of Sovereignty and Methods of Access Control.” and will be Co-chaired by Commissioners Mark Esper and Jeffrey Fiedler.

Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission’s Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as available. Any interested party may file a written statement by February 27, 2007, by mailing to the contact below. On February 27, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web Site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 562 Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated

Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: January 25, 2008.

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