

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange represents that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6⁴ of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(1)⁵ of the Act, in particular, in that the streamlining of the Exchange's committee structure will enable the Exchange to enforce compliance by its members and persons associated with its members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange did not solicit or receive written comments with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change is concerned solely with the administration of the Exchange and constitutes a stated policy and practice of the Exchange with respect to the administration of the Exchange's By-Laws and, therefore, has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁶ of the Act and subparagraph (e) of Rule 19b-4⁷ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and

arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. 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 Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PHLX-97-40 and should be submitted by November 14, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests and Comment Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as information collection packages submitted to OMB for clearance, in compliance with Pub.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

I. The information collection(s) listed below require(s) extension(s) of the current OMB approval(s) or are proposed new collection(s):

1. Application for a Social Security Card—0960-0066. The information collected on Form SS-5 by the Social Security Administration (SSA) is used to assign a Social Security Number and issue a card. The Social Security Number is used by SSA to keep an accurate record of each individual's earnings for the payment of benefits and for administrative purposes as an identifier for health-maintenance and income-maintenance programs, such as the Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance Programs, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program and other programs administered by the Federal government including Black Lung, Medicare and veterans compensation and pension programs. The Social Security Number is also used by the Internal Revenue Service as a taxpayer identification number for those individuals who are eligible to be assigned a Social Security Number. The respondents are applicants for a Social Security Card.

Number of Respondents: 16 million.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 8½ minutes—9 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 2,275,000 hours.

2. Request to Resolve Questionable Quarters of Coverage (SSA-512); Request for Quarters of Coverage History Based on Relationship (SSA-513)—0960-0575. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act states that aliens admitted for lawful residence who have worked and earned 40 qualifying quarters of coverage (QCs) for Social Security purposes can generally receive State benefits. QCs can also be allocated to a spouse and/or to a child under age 18, if needed to obtain 40 qualifying QCs for the alien. Form SSA-512 is used by the States to request clarification from SSA on questionable QCs. Form SSA-513 is used by States to request QC information for an alien's spouse or parent in cases where the spouse or parent does not sign a consent form giving permission to access his/her social security records. The respondents are State agencies which require QC information in order to determine eligibility for benefits.

	SSA-512	SSA-513
Number of Responses	200,000	350,000.
Frequency of Response	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response	2 minutes	2 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden	6,667 hours	11,667 hours.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. § 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b)(1).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

3. Questionnaire for Children Claiming SSI Benefits—0960-0499. The information collected on form SSA-3881 is used by SSA to evaluate disability in children who apply for SSI payments. The respondents are individuals who apply for SSI benefits for a disabled child.

Number of Respondents: 978,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 489,000 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address:

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

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.

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. Beneficiary Recontact Report—0960-0536. SSA uses Form SSA-1587-OCR--SM to ensure that eligibility for benefits continues after entitlement is established for children ages 15 thru 17. Studies show that children who marry fail to report the marriage (which is a terminating event). SSA asks children ages 15, 16 and 17 information about marital status to detect overpayments and to avoid continuing payments to those no longer entitled. The respondents are applicants for Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance benefits, who are ages 15 thru 17.

Number of Respondents: 835,492.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 41,775 hours.

2. Waiver of Right to Appear, Disability Hearing—0960-0534. Form SSA-773-U4 is used by claimants to request waiver of their right to appear at a disability hearing. The information collected will be used to document that claimants understand their right to appear and the effects of their decision to waive that right. The respondents are claimants who (under Title II & XVI of the Social Security Act) wish to waive

their right to appear at a disability hearing.

Number of Respondents: 194.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 48 hours.

3. Railroad Employment Questionnaire—0960-0078. Form SSA-671 is used to secure sufficient information for required coordination with the Railroad Retirement Board for Social Security claims processing. The form is completed whenever claimants indicate that they have been employed in the railroad industry. The respondents are retired employees of the railroad industry or their dependents.

Number of Respondents: 125,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,417 hours.

4. Employment Relationship Questionnaire—0960-0040. Form SSA-7160 covers all possible employment situations, and is used by SSA to determine an individual's work status. The information is required to maintain accurate earnings records for workers under the Social Security system. The respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits.

Number of Respondents: 47,500.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 19,792 hours.

5. Questionnaire About Employment or Self-Employment Outside the United States—0960-0050. The information on Form SSA-7163 is needed to determine whether work performed outside the United States by beneficiaries is cause for deductions from their monthly benefits; to determine whether the foreign work test or the regular work test is applicable; and to determine the months, if any, for which deductions should be imposed. The respondents are beneficiaries who live and work outside the United States.

Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,000 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: Laura Oliven, New

Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

(SSA)

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 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) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: October 16, 1997.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD01-97-079]

Captain of the Port Boston; Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Captain of the Port Boston (COTP Boston) will hold a meeting to discuss various issues relating to anchored barges carrying oil or hazardous materials in bulk without an attending tug. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 4, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Written materials and requests to make oral presentations should reach the COTP Boston on or before November 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Function Room on the first floor of Building 1, at the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command, 427 Commercial St., Boston, MA. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Captain of the Port Boston, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, 455 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109-1045. Comments may also be hand-delivered to the above address between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Michael H. Day, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Boston, MA; telephone (617) 223-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.