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41. Alberto Alvarado, District Director (Los Angeles).

Dated: December 5, 1997.

**Aida Alvarez,**  
Administrator.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Supplementary Agreement on Social Security Between the United States and Canada; Entry Into Force

The Commissioner of Social Security gives notice that a supplementary agreement entered into force on October 1, 1997, which amends the Social Security agreement between the United States (U.S.) and Canada that has been in effect since August 1, 1984. The supplementary agreement, which was signed on May 28, 1996, was concluded pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act.

The supplementary agreement amends the original agreement to update and clarify several provisions. Its primary purpose, however, is to provide Canada with explicit legal authorization to enter into a mutual assistance arrangement on Social Security with the United States. A mutual assistance arrangement will allow the Social Security Administration and the Canadian Social Security agency to assist each other in projects that will enhance the integrity of each country's payments to its beneficiaries in the other country.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the supplementary agreement or want general information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Policy, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Anyone who wants information about the Canadian social security system should write to: International Operations Directorate, Income Security Programs Branch, Department of Human Resources Development, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0L4.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Supplementary Agreement on Social Security Between the United States and the United Kingdom; Entry Into Force

The Commissioner of Social Security gives notice that on September 1, 1997 a supplementary agreement entered into force which amends the Social Security agreement between the United States (U.S.) and the United Kingdom (U.K.) that has been in effect since January 1, 1985. The supplementary agreement, which was signed on June 6, 1996, was concluded pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act.

The supplementary agreement amends the original agreement to update and clarify several of its provisions. Its primary purpose, however, is to remove certain restrictions in the original agreement on the payment of U.K. disability benefits to residents of the United States.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the supplementary agreement or want general information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Policy, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Anyone who wants information about U.K. benefits should write to: Pensions and Overseas Benefits Directorate, Tyneview Park, Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE98 1BA, England.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Reports, Form and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extensions of two currently approved information

collections. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on both "Special Notice for Repairs" OMB Control Number 2130-0504 and "Designation of Qualified Persons" OMB Control Number 2130-0511 was published in 62 FR 4745-44746, August 22, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steve Trigonoplos, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 632-3221). (This telephone number is not toll-free.)

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Federal Railroad Administration

**Title:** Special Notice for Repairs (49 CFR 216).

**OMB Number:** 2130-0504.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Form(s):** FRA F6180.8 and 8a.

**Abstract:** FRA and State inspectors have the authority to immediately order the cessation of use of unsafe equipment, reduce the authorized operating speed on a section of track, or recommend that track be removed from service when they are found to be immediately unsafe for service. The railroad may, within 5 days after receiving such notice, appeal to FRA.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden is 25 hours annually.

**Title:** Designation of Qualified Persons (49 CFR 215).

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0511.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Form(s):** N/A.

**Abstract:** Under the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970, the Federal Railroad Administration promulgated the Freight Car Safety Standards—49 CFR part 215. These standards require each railroad to conduct regular inspections and take necessary remedial action relative to repairs or movement for repairs of defective railroad freight cars.

Under part 215.11, railroads are required to designate persons qualified to inspect freight cars for compliance with part 215 and persons who shall determine restrictions on movements of defective cars. Inspectors are designated as qualified to inspect freight cars to ensure that the cars receive a full and accurate inspection for compliance with part 215. Under "Movement of Defective Cars for Repair" designated inspectors

are necessary to determine what repairs are necessary for defective freight cars. Repairs to railroad freight cars are divided into two categories. "Running" or light repairs are confined to defects to freight cars requiring movement of equipment and repair personnel to the freight car's location. The freight car's defect or damage repairs can be performed at that location.

The second category is specialized or heavy repairs. The freight car must be moved to a location where specialized equipment is located. This type of movement for repairs involves freight cars that may not be safely moved without precaution. The movement must be authorized by an employee knowledgeable about equipment limitations which might include speed, track structure, curvature or other conditions that normally would not be of concern.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: FRA Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions or the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

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**Phillip A. Leach,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information

Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on collection number 2132-0544 was published in 62 FR 45286, August 26, 1997, and collection number 2132-0555 was published in 62 FR 46548, September 3, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sylvia Barney, (202) 366-6680 and refer to the OMB Control Number(s).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**

*Title:* Pre-Award, Post-Delivery Review Requirements under Buy America.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0544.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

*Abstract:* Under the Federal Transit Laws, at 49 U.S.C. 5323(l), grantees must certify that pre-award and post-delivery reviews will be conducted when using FTA funds to purchase revenue service vehicles. FTA regulations 49 CFR Part 663 implements this law by specifying the actual certificates that must be submitted by each bidder to assure compliance with the Buy American, contract specification, and vehicle safety requirements for rolling stock. The information collected on the certification forms is necessary for FTA grantees to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(l).

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 3,024.

*Title:* American with Disabilities Act.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0555.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* State and local government, business or other-for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

*Abstract:* On July 26, 1990, the President signed into law civil rights legislation entitled, "The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (ADA) (Pub.L. 101-336). It contains sweeping changes for individuals with disabilities in every major area of American life.

One key area of the legislation addresses transportation services provided by public and private entities. Some of the requirements under the ADA are: (1) No transportation entity shall discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with the provision of transportation service; (2) All new vehicles purchased by public and private entities after August 25, 1990, must be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs; (3) Public entities that provide fixed route transit must provide complementary paratransit service for persons with disabilities, who are unable to use the fixed route system, that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities; and (4) Transit authorities who are able to substantiate that compliance with all service criteria of the paratransit provisions would cause undue financial burden, may request a temporary time extension in implementing ADA complementary paratransit service. On September 6, 1991, DOT issued a final rule implementing the transportation provisions of ADA (Title 49 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38), which includes the requirements for complementary paratransit service by public entities operating a fixed route system and the provision of nondiscriminatory accessible transportation service. The regulation sets forth the changes needed to fulfill the Congressional mandate to substantially improve access to mass transit service for persons with disabilities. Effective January 26, 1997, paratransit plans are no longer required. However, if FTA reasonably believes that an entity may not be complying with all service criteria, FTA may require an annual update to the entity's plan. In addition, all other ADA compliance requirements must still be satisfied. The information collected provides FTA with a basis for monitoring compliance. The public entities, including recipients of FTA funds, are required to provide information during triennial reviews, complaint investigations, resolutions of complaints, and compliance reviews.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 75,000.

**ADDRESS:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FTA Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance