

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations; and State, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per report, 5 hours for recordkeeping.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 240 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Public Comment Period on the Elimination of the Paper Visa Requirement with the Government of the Philippines

March 27, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Seeking public comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement with the Government of the Philippines

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3821.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows foreign governments to electronically transfer shipment information to the U.S. Customs Service on textile and apparel shipments subject to bilateral provisions. On November 9, 1995, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 56576) seeking public comments on the implementation of ELVIS. Subsequently, a document published on August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43993) announced that the Government of the Philippines, starting on September 1, 1997, would begin an ELVIS test implementation phase. This test phase does not eliminate the requirement for a valid paper visa to accompany each shipment for entry into the United States.

As a result of successful use of the dual visa system, preparations are under way to move beyond the current dual system to the paperless ELVIS system with the Philippines. However, exempt goods will still require a proper and correct exempt certification.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements is requesting interested parties to submit comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement for the Philippines and utilization of the ELVIS system exclusively. Comments must be received on or before June 1, 1998. Comments may be mailed to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1).

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the Chicago Board of Trade for Designation as a Contract Market in TVA Hub Electricity Futures and Options and ComEd Hub Electricity Futures and Options, Submitted Under 45-Day Fast Track Procedures

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed terms and conditions for applications for contract market designation.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) Hub electricity futures and option contracts and ComEd (Commonwealth Edison) Hub electricity futures and option. The proposals were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made CBT TVA Hub electricity futures and option contracts and ComEd Hub futures and options contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Joseph Storer of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5282. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jstorer@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed designation applications were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule

amendments and new contract approvals (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposals, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on May 8, 1998, 45 days after receipt of the proposals. In view of the limited review period provided under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the proposed terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's Pending".

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the proposals may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposals, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 27, 1998.

John R. Mielke,
Acting Director.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter "Corporation"), as part of its continuing

effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning two proposed forms:

(1) A revision of its *Federal Education Loan Forbearance Request* form (OMB #3045-0030), and

(2) A new form, entitled "*Interest Accrual Form*".

Copies of the forms can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before May 27, 1998.

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Levon Buller, National Service Trust, Corporation for National and Community Service, Mail Stop 7200, 1201 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Levon Buller, (202) 606-5000, ext. 383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

After completing a period of national service in an AmeriCorps project, an

AmeriCorps member receives an "education award" that can be used to make a payment towards a student loan or pay for post-secondary educational expenses. This award is an amount of money set aside in the member's "account" in the National Service Trust Fund. Members have seven years in which to draw against any unused balance.

By law, during the period of time the AmeriCorps members are participating in national service, they are eligible for a postponement (a forbearance) on the repayment of any qualified student loan they have. The purpose of this is to temporarily suspend their obligation to make loan payments while they are earning a minimal living allowance in their national service position. Interest continues to accrue during this period, but payments are not required.

Also, the Corporation's enabling legislation requires that it pay, on behalf of AmeriCorps members, all or a portion of the interest that accrues during their service period, if their loans were in forbearance during their service and if they successfully complete their terms of service. For an AmeriCorps member who serves in a full-time term (which includes serving a minimum of 1700 hours) for a year or less, the Corporation will pay all of the interest that accrued. For a person who serves in anything less than a full-time term, the percentage of accrued interest the Corporation pays is determined by a formula included in the Trust's regulations. The legislative intent for paying the interest is to keep the AmeriCorps members' qualified student loan debts from increasing during their service period.

II. Current Action

Two forms with two separate sets of circumstances are being addressed by this **Federal Register** notice. Each form will be individually discussed below.

A. Federal Education Loan Forbearance Request—renewal (OMB #3045-0030) (Proposed new title: *Forbearance Request for National Service*)

Currently, AmeriCorps members use an OMB-approved form entitled "*Federal Education Loan Forbearance Request*" to obtain certification that they are in an approved national service position. The form also serves as the borrower's official request to the loan companies for forbearance. Since forbearance can be granted by the loan holder and not the Corporation, the form requests of the loan holder that a