

A claim for title II disability insurance benefits, widow(er)'s insurance benefits based on disability or child's insurance benefits based on disability in which the claimant returns to work within 12 months of the established onset date of an impairment which could otherwise be the basis for a finding of disability should be allowed and the claimant granted a trial work period if the following conditions are met:

(1) the claimant establishes that, at the time he or she returned to work and thereafter, the impairment was still expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months from the date of onset;

(2) the claimant returns to work after the waiting period (if a waiting period is applicable) and after the established onset date (but within the 12-month period following such onset date); and

(3) the return to work demonstrating an ability to engage in substantial gainful activity occurs either before or after approval of the award.

A claim for title XVI benefits based on disability in which the claimant returns to work within 12 months of the established onset date of an impairment which could otherwise be the basis for a finding of disability should be allowed and the claimant granted section 1619 status⁴ if the following conditions are met:

(1) the claimant establishes that, at the time he or she returned to work and thereafter, the impairment was still expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months from the date of onset;

(2) the claimant returns to work in a month subsequent to the month of established onset (but within the 12-month period following such onset date);

(3) the claimant is eligible for "regular" SSI benefits under section 1611 of the Act (or a federally administered State supplementary payment) based on the impairment (disregarding the effect that the claimant's return to work within 12

months after onset would otherwise have on eligibility for such benefits or payment) for at least one month in the period preceding the month in which he or she returns to work;

(4) the claimant meets all other nondisability requirements for section 1619 status; and

(5) the return to work demonstrating an ability to engage in substantial gainful activity occurs either before or after approval of the award.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2745]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Imposition of Chemical and Biological Weapons Proliferation Sanctions on a Foreign Person

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Government has determined that an individual has engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act and the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the authorities of which were most recently continued by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological, and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202-647-1142).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 81(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(a)), Section 11C(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(a)) and Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993, the United States Government determined that the following foreign person has engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Section 81(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(c)) and Section 11C(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(c)): *Berge Aris Balanian* (fugitive from justice previously residing in Germany, and last known to be in Lebanon).

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed:

(A) Procurement Sanction. The United States Government shall not procure, or enter into any contract for

the procurement of, any goods or services from the sanctioned person; and

(B) Import Sanction. The importation into the United States of products produced by the sanctioned person shall be prohibited.

Sanctions on the person described above may apply to firms or other entities with which that individual is associated. Questions as to whether a particular transaction is affected by the sanctions should be referred to the contact listed above. The sanctions shall commence on February 9, 1998. They will remain in place for at least one year and until further notice.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible agencies as provided in the Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

Robert J. Einhorn,

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for
Political-Military Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2744]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Determination Under the Arms Export Control Act

Pursuant to Section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs and Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has made a determination pursuant to Section 81 of the Arms Export Control Act and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

Robert J. Einhorn,

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for
Political-Military Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Form, 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

⁴ Pursuant to statutory amendments made by Public Law 99-643, effective July 1, 1987, the trial work period provisions no longer apply to title XVI disability claims. Beginning July 1, 1987, a disabled individual, who was eligible to receive "regular" SSI benefits under section 1611 of the Act (or a federally administered State supplementary payment) for a month and subsequently has earnings ordinarily considered to represent substantial gainful activity, will move directly to section 1619 status rather than be accorded a trial work period. This Ruling extends to such individuals, i.e., a claim for title XVI benefits based on disability should be allowed and the claimant granted section 1619 status if the claimant would otherwise be eligible for section 1619 status and the same conditions set out above for title II claims based on disability are met.

U.S.C. Chapter 3501, *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on December 11, 1997 [62 FR 65307].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K-25, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 7th Street, SW, Room 3430, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

Title: Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space Part 250.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2138-0018.

Form No.: 251.

Affected Entities: Large U.S. and foreign passenger air carriers.

Abstract: BTS Form 251 is a one-page report on the number of passengers denied boarding voluntarily or involuntarily, whether the bumped passengers were provided alternate transportation and/or compensation, and the amount of the payment. The report allows the Department to monitor the effectiveness of its oversales rule and take enforcement action when necessary. The involuntary denied-boarding rate has decreased over the years from 4.38 per 10,000 passengers in 1980 to 1.16 per 10,000 passengers for the nine months ended September 1997. These statistics demonstrate the effectiveness of the "volunteer" provision, which has reduced the need for more intrusive regulation.

The rate of denied boarding can be examined as an air carrier continuing fitness factor. This rate provides an insight into a carrier's policy on treating over booked passengers and its compliance disposition. A rapid sustained increase in the rate of denied boarding often is an indicator of operational difficulty.

Because the rate of denied boarding is released quarterly, travelers and travel agents can select carriers with low bumping incidents when booking a trip. This information is made available to the public through the Air Travel Consumer Report, which the Department publishes. The report is

sent to newspapers, magazines, and trade journals.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,312 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: DOT/BTS Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to OMB regarding this information collection is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 17, 1998.

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 (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 review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on December 10, 1997 [62 FR 65122].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office

of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Title: Vessel Response Plans, Facility Response Plans, Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans, and Additional Requirements for Prince William Sound, Alaska.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0595

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of tank vessels that carry oil in bulk and operate in waters subject of U.S. jurisdiction; owners or operators of marine transportation-facilities; owners or operators of U.S. flag oil tankers of 150 gross tons and above and each U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above; owners or operators of tank vessels that load cargo at a facility permitted under the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

Abstract: Three of the requirements found in this collection of information are from the passage of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Pub.L. 101-380). The requirements meet the intent of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to reduce the impact of oil spills by requiring owners or operators of certain tank vessels and facilities to plan response actions, practice those actions, and ensure, through appropriate means, the necessary response resources for an oil spill. Additionally, Regulation 26 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan requirements were designed to improve response capabilities and minimize environmental impacts of oil spills.

Need: 33 U.S.C. 1321 requires the development of tank vessel and facility response plans. 33 U.S.C. 1901-1911 requires the implementation of MARPOL 73/78 in U.S. regulations. 33 U.S.C. 2735 requires the additional response measure in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

Estimated Annual Burden: 188,629 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503, Attention USCG Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of 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