

request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than May 24, 1999. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-462 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Karl Morell, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the SEI petition are due on or before May 24, 1999.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. (TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: April 22, 1999.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for renewed

approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services and the Office of Foreign Exchange Operations within the Department of the Treasury are soliciting comments concerning recordkeeping requirements associated with Reporting of International Capital and Foreign Currency Transactions and Positions—31 CFR Part 128.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 6, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments on international capital transactions and positions to Dwight Wolkow, administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20220. Direct all written comments on foreign currency transactions and positions to Gregory Berger, Deputy Director, Office of Foreign Exchange Operations, Department of the Treasury, Room 2409, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information on international capital transactions and positions or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems at the above address, or by calling (202) 622-1276. Requests for additional information on foreign currency transactions and positions or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Gregory Berger, Office of Foreign Exchange Operations, Department of the Treasury, Room 2409, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20220, or by calling (202) 622-2650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 31 CFR Part 128, Reporting of International Capital and Foreign Currency Transactions and Positions.

OMB Number: 1505-0149.

Abstract: 31 CFR Part 128 establishes general guidelines for reporting on United States claims on and liabilities to foreigners; on transactions in securities with foreigners; and on the monetary reserves of the United States as provided for by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act and the Bretton Woods Agreements Act. In addition, 31 CFR Part 128 establishes general guidelines for reporting on the nature and source of foreign currency transactions of large U.S. business enterprises and their foreign affiliates. This regulation includes a recordkeeping requirement, § 128.5, which is necessary to enable the Office of Program Services and the

Office of Foreign Exchange Operations to verify reported information and to secure additional information concerning reported information as may be necessary. The recordkeepers are U.S. persons required to file reports covered by these regulations.

Current Actions: No changes to recordkeeping requirements are proposed at this time.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 3 hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 6,000 hours, based on one response per year.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: whether 31 CFR 128.5 is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Offices, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance, and purchases of services to provide information.

Timothy D. DuLaney,

Director, Office of Foreign Exchange Operations.

Dwight Wolkow,

Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for reinstatement

approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States as of March 31, 2000.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 6, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems at the above address, or by faxing (202) 622-7448, or by calling (202) 622-1276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States as of March 31, 2000.

OMB Number: 1505-0123.

Abstract: These forms are used to conduct periodic surveys of foreign portfolio ownership of U.S. long-term securities. These data are used by the U.S. Government in the formulation of international and financial policies and for the computation of the U.S. balance of payments and international investment position. Surveys of foreign portfolio investment in the United States are required to be conducted at least once every five years by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (22 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*). The last such survey was conducted as of December 31, 1994. The next survey will be held as of March 31, 2000, to avoid placing a reporting burden on respondents which coincides with Y2K-related efforts during the last half of 1999.

Current Actions: Exemption levels will be raised from \$10 million to \$20 million, and the number of data items will be reduced. Data will be collected primarily from custodians of securities, and from issuers of securities only when foreigners have registered their foreign holdings directly with the U.S. securities issuer and do not use a U.S.-based custodian to safekeep the securities.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change.

Affected Public: Business/Financial Institutions.

Forms Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States (1505-0123).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 50 hours, but this will vary widely from respondent to respondent. It is estimated that all respondents will require on average a minimum of 16 hours to understand the survey requirements and gather the information necessary to determine their filing status. For issuers of securities that have data to report and are not custodians, the estimate is 40 hours total. For custodians of securities, the estimate is a total of 160 hours on average, but this figure will vary widely for individual custodians.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 60,000 hours.

Frequency of Response: Approximately once every five years.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: whether the Survey is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchases of services to provide information.

Dwight Wolkow,

Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; New System of Records—Center for Minority Veterans Management Information System—VA (95VAOOM)

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice, new system of records.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a(e)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA) is adding a new system of records entitled "Center for Minority Veterans Management Information System—VA (95VAOOM)."

Under section 317 of Title 38, United States Code, VA is required to assess minority veterans' use of VA benefits, programs and services. This new system of records will primarily be used to maintain an automated database containing demographic data on veterans that the Center will use to analyze trends on how VA serves minority veterans, and the extent to which minority veterans are using benefits, programs and services offered by VA. The automated database is used to produce statistical reports that assist VA managers in their efforts to correct any disparities in the care and delivery of services to minority and women veterans.

The automated database is known as the Automated Demographic Data File System (ADDFS). The database includes data on veterans extracted from automated VA benefits data files located at the VA Automation Center, Austin, Texas. Data extracted includes names, social security numbers, claim numbers, race, ethnicity and gender of a randomly selected group of veterans. Similar data will also be extracted from the Department of Defense (DoD) military personnel systems of records in order to supplement VA databases. The ADFS will be configured to interact with current VA automated records systems as well as the DoD military personnel automated records system to produce reports for statistical analyses. Statistical reports will not contain personal identifiers. Reports will be statistical data only, which present information in terms of percentages based on the race, ethnicity and gender of veterans served by VA.

This system of records will also include data pertaining to individual veterans, as well as correspondence, electronic mail and memoranda memorializing conversations with individuals concerning complaints about benefits and services provided to VA beneficiaries based on the race or ethnicity of the beneficiary. The records may also include documents reflecting the processing and investigation of these complaints, and documents extracted from the VA beneficiary's VA records.

The information in this system will be maintained in paper and electronic form. The ADFS will be maintained only in electronic form. Other records in the system may be maintained in either electronic or paper form. Release of information from these records will be made only in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 for