applications for economic injury is June 16, 2000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: February 18, 2000.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

In compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; 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.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965–4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of this publication.

1. Application for Social Security Disability Benefits—0960–0060. The Social Security Administration (SSA) uses the information collected on form SSA–16 to determine eligibility for Social Security disability benefits. The respondents are applicants for such benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,185,942.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.
Estimated Average Burden: 395,314 hours.

2. Appointment of Representative-0960–0527. The information on Form SSA–1696 is used by SSA to verify the applicant's appointment of a representative. The form allows SSA to inform the representative of issues that affect the applicant's claim. The respondents are applicants who notify SSA that they have appointed a person to represent them.

Number of Respondents: 412,653.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Average Burden: 68,776 hours.

3. Request to be Selected as Payee—0960–0014. The information collected on Form SSA–11–BK is used to determine the proper payee for a Social Security beneficiary, and it is designed to aid in the investigation of a payee applicant. The form will establish the applicant's relationship to the beneficiary, the justification, the concern for the beneficiary and the manner in which the benefits will be used. The respondents are applicants for selection as representative payee for Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung benefits and title-VIII Special Veterans Benefits.

Number of Respondents: 2,121,686.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10.5 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 371,295 hours.

4. Application for Special Benefits for World War II Veterans-0960–0615. The information collected on Form SSA–2000 will be used by the Social Security Administration to elicit the information necessary to determine entitlement of an individual to benefits under title VIII of the Social Security Act. Respondents are certain World War II Veterans as identified under title VIII.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 4,000 hours.

5. Claim for Amount Due in the Case of a Deceased Beneficiary-0960–0101. Section 204 (d) of the Social Security Act provides that if a beneficiary dies before payment of Social Security benefits has been completed, the amount due will be paid to the persons meeting specified qualifications. The information collected on Form SSA–1724 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine whether an individual is entitled to the underpayment. The respondents are applicants for the underpayment of a deceased beneficiary.

Number of Respondents: 300,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 50,000 hours.

6. Third party Liability Information Statement-0960–0323. Form SSA–8019 is used by the Social Security Administration to gather information or to make changes in existing information about third party insurance (excluding Medicare or Medicaid), which could be responsible for payment for a beneficiary's medical care. The respondents are third-party insurers other than Medicare or Medicaid.

Number of Respondents: 95,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 7,917 hours.

II. The information collection listed below has been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collection would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965–4145, or by writing to him.

Letter to Employer Requesting Wage Information-0960–0138. The information collected on form SSA–L4201 is used by SSA to determine eligibility and proper benefit payments for SSI applicants/recipients. The respondents are employers of applicants for and recipients of SSI payments.

Number of Respondents: 133,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 66,500 hours.

(SSA Address)

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1–A–21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

(OMB Address)

Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Rectifications to the NAFTA Rules of Origin in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of rectifications to the NAFTA rules of origin in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative is providing notice of certain rectifications to the rules of origin for goods covered by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), as set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). These rectifications are intended to maintain consistency between the HTS and the NAFTA rules or origin.

DATES: The effective date of the rectifications is March 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Shub, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395–7305, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through an exchange of letters in February 2000, the United States, Mexico, and Canada (the NAFTA Parties) agreed to certain technical rectifications to the rules of origin contained in Annexes 401 and 403.1 of the NAFTA. These rectifications are intended to maintain consistency between Annexes 401 and 403.1 and the tariff schedules of the NAFTA Parties. The appendix to this notice embodies these rectifications in the NAFTA rules or origin set forth in general note 12(t) of the HTS.

Proclamation 6969 of January 27, 1997 (62 FR 4415, January 29, 1997) authorized the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to exercise the authority provided to the President under Section 601 of the Trade Act of 1974 (the 1974 Act), as amended by Public Law 100–418, 88 Stat. 2073 (19 U.S.C. 2483), to embody rectifications, technical or conforming changes, or similar modifications in the HTS. Under authority vested in USTR by Proclamation 6969 and the authority vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, section 604 of the 1975 Act and section 202(q) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3332(q)), the rectifications, technical or conforming changes, and similar modifications set forth in the appendix to this notice shall be embodied in the HTS with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 1, 2000.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

Appendix

Effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 1, 2000.

(1) General note 12(t) to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified as follows:

(a) TCR 29.8 is modified by deleting ''(A)'' and by deleting subdivision (B) of such TCR together with its designation;

(b) TCR 85.5A is modified by deleting ''tariff item,'' and by inserting in lieu thereof ''subheading,'',

(c) TCR 85.80(A) is modified by deleting ''8471.92'' and by inserting in lieu thereof ''8471.60'';

(d) TCR 86.4(B) is modified by deleting ''from tariff item'' and by inserting in lieu thereof ''from tariff items 8607.19.06 or''; and

(e) TCRs 87.40 through 87.42, inclusive, are deleted and the following new TCR is inserted in lieu thereof:

''40. (A) A change to headings 8711 through 8713 from any other heading, including another heading within that group, except from heading 8714, or

(B) A change to headings 8711 through 8713 from heading 8714, whether or not there is also a change from any other heading, including another heading within that group, provided there is a regional value content of not less than:

(1) 60 percent where the transaction value method is used, or

(2) 50 percent where the net cost method is used.''

(2) Chapter 29 of the HTS is modified by inserting in numerical sequence the following new subheading, with the article description at the same level of indentation as the article description of subheading 2905.49.10:

[2905	Acyclic...:]			
	[Other...:]			
[2095.49	Other:]			
''2905.49.20	Esters of glycerol formed with acids of heading 2904	8.2%	Free (A*, CA, E, IL, J, K, MX) ...	54.5%''

Conforming change: General note 4(d) is modified by inserting in numerical sequence ''2905.49.20 India''.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection for alcohol testing.

Before submitting this information collection to OMB for renewal, DOT is soliciting comments 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 collected; and ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Docket Clerk, Attn: Docket No. OST–99–6578, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW, Room PL401, Washington DC 20590. Commenters may also submit their comments electronically. Instructions for electronic submission may be found at the following web address: *http://dms.dot.gov/submit/*. The public may