

an epidemiological or similar research project, provided that:

(a) SSA determines in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, that the research may reasonably be expected to contribute to a national health interest; and

(b) The requester agrees to reimburse SSA for the costs of providing the information; and

(c) The requester agrees to comply with any safeguards and limitations specified by SSA regarding rerelease or redisclosure of the information.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in magnetic media (e.g., magnetic tape) and in microform and microfiche form.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are indexed and retrieved by SSN.

SAFEGUARDS:

System security for automated records has been established in accordance with the Systems Security Handbook. This includes maintaining all magnetic tapes and magnetic disks within an enclosure attended by security guards. Anyone entering or leaving that enclosure must have special badges which are only issued to authorized personnel. All authorized personnel having access to the magnetic records are subject to the penalties of the Privacy Act. The microfiche are stored in locked cabinets, and are accessible to employees only on a need-to-know basis. All SSR State Data Exchange records are protected in accordance with agreements between SSA and the respective States regarding confidentiality, use, and redisclosure.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Original input transaction tapes received which contain initial claims and posteligibility actions are retained indefinitely although these are processed as received and incorporated into processing tapes which are updated to the master SSR tape file on a monthly basis. All magnetic tapes appropriate to SSI information furnished to specified Federal, State, and local agencies for verification of eligibility for benefits and under section 1631(e) are retained, in accordance with the PA accounting requirements, for at least 5 years or the life of the record, whichever is longer.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Division of Supplemental Security Income Systems, Office of Systems Requirements, Social Security

Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

An individual can determine if this system contains a record about him/her by writing to or visiting any Social Security field office and providing his or her name and SSN. (Individuals should consult their local telephone directories for Social Security office address and telephone information.) Applicants for SVB who reside in the Philippines should contact VARO, Philippines. (Furnishing the SSN is voluntary, but it will make searching for an individual's record easier and prevent delay.)

An individual requesting notification of records in person need not furnish any special documents of identity. Documents he/she would normally carry on his/her person would be sufficient (e.g., credit cards, driver's license, or voter registration card). An individual requesting notification via mail or telephone must furnish a minimum of his/her name, date of birth and address in order to establish identity, plus any additional information specified in this section. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.40(c)).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Requesters should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. An individual who requests notification of, or access to, a medical record shall, at the time he or she makes the request, designate in writing a responsible representative who will be willing to review the record and inform the subject individual of its contents at the representative's discretion. A parent or guardian who requests notification of, or access to, a minor's medical record shall at the time he or she makes the request designate a physician or other health professional (other than a family member) who will be willing to review the record and inform the parent or guardian of its contents at the physician's or health professional's discretion. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.40(c) and 401.55).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Requesters should also reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely,

inaccurate or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.65).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Data contained in the SSR are obtained for the most part from the applicant for SSI and SVB payments and are derived from the Claims Folders System (60-0089) and the Modernized Supplemental Security Income Claims System. The States and other Federal agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs also provide data affecting the SSR.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3252]

Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of information collection under emergency review procedure and 60-day notice of proposed information collection under standard review procedure: Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection request described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Additionally, the Department is seeking OMB approval for the subject information collection request under the standard review procedures of the 1995 Act.

The twofold purpose of this notice is to advise the public that (a) the Department's clearance request has been submitted to OMB for review pursuant to OMB's emergency clearance process; and (b) the Department additionally intends to submit the information collection to OMB for approval pursuant to OMB's standard approval process, after allowing the required 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register**.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted, and to be submitted, to OMB:

Type of Request: New Collection.

Originating Office: EUR.

Title of Information Collection: Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program ("IPPCTP").

Frequency: 1.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Entities wishing to provide employment opportunities to IPPCTP participants as well as persons selected for participation in the IPPCTP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4200.

Average Hours Per Response: (a) Prospective Employers: up to 2 hours in providing employer background information and up to 1 hour in reporting on participants' work experience (for each participant hired by an employer). (b) Participants: up to 2 hours in providing background/resume information, a photograph, and tracking information. Where participation originates with an employer nomination, the increase of time required of an employer in providing employee-related information will be offset by a corresponding reduction in the time otherwise required of employees in providing this same information.

Total Estimated Burden: 12,400 hours.

The proposed information collection is being published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by March 1, 2000. If granted, the emergency approval will only be valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this information collection will also be undertaken, pursuant to the OMB's standard review process. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until the 60th day from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including

through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to the Officer for Ireland and Northern Ireland Affairs, Bureau of European Affairs (EUR/UBI), Room 4513, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-6585.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

Catherine M. Smith,

Acting Executive Director Bureau of European Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3251]

Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: 60-day notice of proposed information collection; U.S. department of state, parking permit application, DS-1987.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Paperwork Reduction Act.

Originating Office: A/OPR/GSM/SS.

Title of Information Collection:

Parking Permit Application.

Frequency: Year-round with one large collection done once a year.

Form Number: DS-1987.

Respondents: Department of State employees and contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,050.

Average Hours Per Response: ¼ hour.

Total Estimated Burden: 1,012.50.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Ms. Lee Martinez, Room B258, 202/647-0305, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

Robert B. Dickson,

Executive Director, Bureau of Administration, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Technical Correction to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Technical correction to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (the USTR) is modifying the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) as set forth below, pursuant to authority granted by Congress to the President in section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) and delegated to the USTR in Presidential Proclamation No. 6969 of January 27, 1997 (62 FR 4415). This technical correction is to ensure that the intended tariff treatment is accorded to certain imported valve spring quality wire rod. **ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordana Earp, Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6160, or Audrey Winter, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-7305.

Correction to HTS

Presidential Proclamation 7273 of February 16, 2000 (65 FR 8621) modified subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTS in order to facilitate positive adjustment to competition from imports of certain steel wire rod. The proclamation inserted new U.S. note 9 in that subchapter; the note provides that various steel products are excluded from the new subheadings