

change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purpose of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.⁹ Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-00-23 and should be submitted by May 8, 2000.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margared H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Proposed Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320, plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of two previously approved information collections: (1) Form OSC-11, Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice or Other Prohibited

Activity; and (2) Form OSC-12, Disclosure of Information. The forms to be submitted to OMB contain some modifications to the existing forms, including the addition of information about OSC jurisdiction. These collections of information are described in OSC regulations at 5 CFR 1800.1 and 1800.2. The current OMB approval for these collections of information expires on August 31, 2000.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, and the general public are invited to comment on these information collections. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of OSC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections 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.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before June 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Kathryn Stackhouse, Attorney, Planning and Advice Division, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Stackhouse, Attorney, Planning and Advice Division, at the address shown above; by telephone at (202) 653-8971; or by facsimile at (202) 653-5151. The collections of information to be submitted to OMB will be available for review on OSC's Web site (at www.osc.gov) as of the date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comment is requested on the following two collections of information:

1. *Title of Collection:* Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel or Other Prohibited Activity (Agency Form Number: OSC-11; OMB Control Number 3255-0002).

Type of Information Collection: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on August 31, 2000. The proposed information collection format includes changes as follows: (1) Style, format, and other minor revisions that do not appear to impose significant new burdens, such as requests for fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and details of certain allegations in a different format; (2) addition of explanatory

information about OSC jurisdiction, elements required to prove some claims, and certain procedural rights; and (3) description of new and revised Privacy Act routine uses published after the prior OMB approval.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1802.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1.25 hours. This estimated burden has changed from the previous estimate of one hour, due primarily to the addition of the explanatory information described above, under "Type of Information Collection."

Estimated Annual Burden: 2252.5 hours.

Abstract: This optional complaint form, or the format provided in 5 CFR 1800.1, is for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC. In addition to a hard copy format, the form will be posted on OSC's Web site so that complainants can fill in the form online, and then print the completed form for signature and transmittal to OSC by mail or fax.

2. *Title of Collection:* Disclosure of Information (Agency Form Number: OSC-12; OMB Control Number 3255-0002).

Type of Information Collection: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on August 31, 2000. The proposed information collection format includes changes as follows: (1) Style, format, and other minor revisions that do not appear to impose significant new burdens, such as requests for fax numbers, e-mail addresses, name of any legal or other representative, and classification of the type of disclosure; (2) addition of certification language before the signature of the submitter; (3) addition of explanatory information about OSC jurisdiction, processing criteria, and procedures; and (4) description of new and revised Privacy Act routine uses published after the prior OMB approval.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 388.

⁹In reviewing this proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Frequency: On occasion.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.
Estimated Annual Burden: 388 hours.
Abstract: This optional whistleblower disclosure form, and the format provided in 5 CFR 1800.2, are for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to disclose (for OSC review and possible referral to the agency involved) a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. In addition to a hard copy format, the form will be posted on OSC's Web site so that complainants can fill in the form online, and then print the completed form for signature and transmittal to OSC by mail or fax.

Erin M. McDonnell,
Associate Special Counsel for Planning and Advice.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3289]

Office of Visa Services; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Application for A, G, or NATO Visa, Form DS-1648

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Reinstatement of Form.

Originating Office: CA/VO.

Title of Information Collection:

Application for A, G, or NATO Visas.

Frequency: Once.

Form Number: DS-1648.

Respondents: Foreign Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Average Hours Per Response: .5 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 10,000 hours.

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, 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: Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Daria Darnell, 2401 E Street NW, Rm L-703, Tel: 202-663-1253, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Public comments and questions 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.

Dated: March 22, 2000.

Nancy Sambaiew,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3288]

Office of Visa Services; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Supplemental Registration for Diversity Immigrant Visa Program, Form DSP-122

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Reinstatement of Form.

Originating Office: CA/VO/F/P.

Title of Information Collection:

Supplemental Registration for Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

Frequency: Once per applicant.

Form Number: DSP-122.

Respondents: Foreign Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Average Hours Per Response: .5 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 45,000 hours.

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.

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Dated: March 27, 2000.

Nancy Sambaiew,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3290]

Office of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to section 36(c) and in compliance with section 36(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 20, and 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William J. Lowell, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (703 875-6644).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 38(e) of the Arms Export Control Act