

announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 10, 2009, and comments were due by November 9, 2009. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before May 26, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Shashi Kumar, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY 11024. Telephone: 516-726-5833; or E-Mail: [kumars@usmma.edu](mailto:kumars@usmma.edu). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title:* United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Alumni Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-NEW.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* Graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

*Form Numbers:* KP2-66-DK1, KP2-67-DK2, KP3-68-DK3, KP2-69-ENG1, KP2-70-ENG2, KP2-71-ENG3.

*Abstract:* 46 U.S.C. 51309 authorizes the Academy to confer academic degrees. To maintain the appropriate academic standards, the program must be accredited by the appropriate accreditation body. The survey is part of USMMA's academic accreditation process.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 250 hours.

*Addresses:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments Are Invited on:* (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.)

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 6, 2010.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket ID Number RITA 2008-0002]

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Airline Service Quality Performance—Part 234

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of DOT requiring large certificated air carriers to file "On-Time Flight Performance Reports" and "Mishandled-Baggage Reports" pursuant to 14 CFR 234.4 and 234.6. These reports are used to monitor the quality of air service that major air carriers are providing the flying public. The Federal Aviation Administration uses the On-Time Flight Performance Reports to identify problem areas within the air traffic control system.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 25, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E36-303, RITA, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4387, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or e-mail [bernard.stankus@dot.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@dot.gov).

*Comments:* Comments should identify the associated OMB approval #2138-0041 and Docket ID Number RITA 2008-0002. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB #2138-0041, Docket—RITA 2008-0002. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Approval No.* 2138-0041.

*Title:* Airline Service Quality Performance—Part 234.

*Form No.:* BTS Form 234.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Large certificated air carriers that account for at least 1 percent of the domestic scheduled passenger revenues.

*Number of Respondents:* 18.

*Number of Responses:* 216.

*Total Burden per Response:* 20 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* 4,320 hours.

*Needs and Uses:*

#### Consumer Information

Part 234 gives air travelers information concerning their chances of on-time flights and the rate of mishandled baggage by the 18 largest scheduled domestic passenger carriers.

#### Reducing and Identifying Traffic Delays

The Federal Aviation Administration uses part 234 data to pinpoint and analyze air traffic delays. Wheels-up and wheels-down times are used in conjunction with departure and arrival times to show the extent of ground delays. Actual elapsed flight time, wheels-down minus wheels-up time, is compared to scheduled elapsed flight time to identify airborne delays. The reporting of aircraft tail number allows the FAA to track an aircraft through the air network, which enables the FAA to study the ripple effects of delays at hub airports. The data can be analyzed for airport design changes, new equipment purchases, the planning of new runways or airports based on current and projected airport delays, and traffic levels. The identification of the reason for delays allows the FAA, airport operators, and air carriers to pinpoint delays under their control.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

**Anne Suissa,**

*Director, Office of Airline Information.*

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