

order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to provide an expedited process for reviewing a facilities management agreement proposed to be entered into by an operationally capable clearing member that desires to become a managed clearing member. A managed clearing member is one that outsources certain of its obligations as a clearing member to another clearing member ("managing clearing member").

Currently, Rule 309 prohibits a clearing member that proposes to enter into an outsourcing agreement with a managing clearing member from implementing the agreement without the prior approval of the Membership/Risk Committee ("Committee").³ In 2006 and 2007, the Committee reviewed three requests to approve such outsourcing arrangements. However, none of the three clearing member's desired time frame for implementing its facilities management arrangement coincided with a regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee, and each firm was required to defer executing its outsourcing plans until after a meeting occurred.

To provide for a more timely review of certain outsourcing agreements, OCC is modifying Rule 309. As amended, Rule 309 will provide that a managed clearing member is permitted to request an expedited review of its outsourcing agreement, and if OCC consents to an expedited review, the Chairman, the Management Vice Chairman, or the President will be authorized to determine whether the agreement meets applicable requirements and to approve or disapprove the agreement. At the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting, the Committee would independently review the outsourcing agreement and would determine de novo whether to approve or disapprove it. In the event the Committee's decision would result in a modification or a reversal of the action taken by the Chairman, the Management Vice Chairman, or President, no actions previously taken by OCC or the clearing member prior to the modification or reversal would be invalidated and no rights of any person arising out of such previous actions would be affected. In the unlikely event that the Committee disapproved an agreement previously approved by OCC, the clearing member would be given a reasonable time either

to enter into an appropriately revised outsourcing agreement or to cease to be a Managed Clearing Member.

This process is comparable to the process used when clearing members request expedited approval to clear a new type or kind of transaction.⁴ OCC believes that the proposed expedited review process strikes a reasonable balance between meeting the business requirements of clearing members and continuing to ensure appropriate review of the operational and financial aspects of outsourcing arrangements.

The expedited review process is set forth in Interpretation & Policy .01 under Rule 309. The existing Interpretation and Policy .01, which required managing clearing members as of October 1, 2003, to meet revised capital requirements by October 1, 2004, is no longer applicable and is therefore being deleted. In addition, a technical change is being made to paragraph (f) of Rule 309 so that the language more closely parallels the language used in a cross-referenced By-law provision.

III. Discussion

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in its custody or control or for which it is responsible.⁵ The Commission finds the proposed rule change to be consistent with this requirement because the actions of senior management to approve an outsourcing agreement prior to a scheduled Committee meeting are subject to the Committee's subsequent review and approval.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-OCC-2008-01) be and hereby is approved.⁶

⁴ Article V, Section 1, Interpretation & Policy .03e. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 30169 (January 8, 1992) 57 FR 1776 [SR-OCC-91-06].

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

⁶ In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections, and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

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 ways to minimize the burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, e-mail, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer to the addresses or fax numbers listed below.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, e-mail address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCBFM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400, e-mail address: OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

The information collections listed below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, submit your comments to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Authorization to Obtain Earnings Data from the Social Security Administration—0960-0602*. A wage earner or an organization may request

³ Rule 309(f). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55686 (May 1, 2007), 72 FR 26191 (May 8, 2007) [SR-OCC-2006-21].

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

detailed earnings information from SSA. SSA collects the information on the SSA-581 to identify the earnings record, verify authorized access to the earnings record, and produce an itemized statement for release to the proper party. The respondents are various private/public organizations/agencies needing detailed earnings information.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 33,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,100 hours.

2. *Statement Regarding the Inferred Death of an Individual by Reason of Continued and Unexplained Absence—20 CFR 404.720 & 404.721—0960-0002.* Section 202(d)-(i) of the Social Security Act provides for the payment of various monthly survivor benefits and a lump sum death payment to certain survivors upon the death of an individual who dies fully or currently insured. In the event a person has been absent from his or her residence and has not been heard from for at least 7 years, SSA will presume he or she is deceased. SSA collects information on Form SSA-723-F4 to determine if SSA may presume a missing wage earner is deceased and, if so, to establish a date of presumed death. The respondents are persons having knowledge about the disappearance of a wage earner.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500 hours.

3. *Railroad Employment Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1401, 404.1406-404.1408—0960-0078.* SSA uses the data on the SSA-671 to secure sufficient information to effect the required coordination with the Railroad Retirement Board for Social Security claims processing. SSA obtains data whenever claimants give indications of employment in the railroad industry. The respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits employed by a railroad or dependents of railroad workers.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 125,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,417 hours.

4. *Government Pension Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.408a—0960-0160.* The Social Security Act and regulations provide an individual receiving spousal benefits and concurrently receiving a Government pension based on his or her own earnings not covered by Social Security may have the amount of the Social Security benefit reduced by two-thirds the amount of the Government pension. SSA uses the information on the SSA-3885 to determine whether the individual's Social Security benefit is subject to reduction, the amount of the reduction, the effective date of the reduction, and whether one of the exceptions in 20 CFR 404.408a applies. The respondents are individuals receiving spousal benefits and a Government pension.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 12.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,250 hours.

5. *Teacher Questionnaire and Request for Administrative Information—20 CFR 416.1103(f)—0960-0646.* SSA must consider all relevant evidence when determining a child's disability under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When determining the effects of a child's (or other individual's) impairment(s), SSA must obtain information about the child's functioning. Using Forms SSA-5665 and SSA-5666, SSA obtains formal testing results, teacher reports, therapy progress notes, individualized education program information and other records of a child's educational aptitude and achievement. The respondents are parents, teachers and other education personnel.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 618,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 463,500 hours.

6. *Statement of Income and Resources—20 CFR 416.207, 416.301—416.310, 416.704, and 416.708—0960-0124.* SSA collects information about income and resources on form SSA-8010-BK in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims and redeterminations. SSA uses the

information to make initial or continuing eligibility determinations for SSI claimants/recipients who are subject to deeming. The respondents are persons whose income and resources may be deemed (considered available) to applicants or beneficiaries of SSI benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 341,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 26 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 147,767 hours.

7. *Application for Supplemental Security Income—20 CFR 416.207 and 416.305—416.335, Subpart C—0960-0229.* SSA has prescribed the Form SSA-8000 as the application for SSI payments. SSA uses the information gathered on the SSA-8000 to determine whether claimants meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for SSI eligibility and to determine the amount of such benefits. The respondents are applicants for SSI payments.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,281,620.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 36 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 768,972 hours.

8. *Medicare Modernization Act Outreach Mailer—20 CFR 418—0960-NEW.* To: (1) promote awareness of the Medicare Part D subsidy program; and (2) encourage potentially eligible Medicare beneficiaries to complete Form SSA-1020 (OMB No. 0960-0696, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs), SSA plans to use a new outreach brochure including a mailer. Pharmacies, doctors' offices, and medical clinics will display and distribute copies of the brochure incorporating a mailer to encourage eligible Medicare beneficiaries to request and complete Form SSA-1020. The brochure will include an insert beneficiaries complete to request Form SSA-1020 from SSA. SSA will make follow-up phone calls to beneficiaries who use the mailer to request an SSA-1020 but do not submit it to the Agency. The respondents are Medicare beneficiaries who: (1) are potentially eligible for Part D subsidy benefits; and (2) request a copy of Form SSA-1020 using the brochure insert.

Type of Request: New information collection.

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Mailer Insert	75,000	1	1	1,250
Follow-Up Phone Calls	30,000	1	1	500
Totals	105,000			1,750

Dated: March 19, 2008.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6152]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Maria Sibylla Merian & Daughters: Women of Art and Science"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Maria Sibylla Merian & Daughters: Women of Art and Science," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the J. Paul Getty Museum, from on or about June 10, 2008, until on or about August 31, 2008, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6154]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Jeff Koons on the Roof"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the object to be included in the exhibition "Jeff Koons on the Roof", imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, from on or about April 21, 2008, until on or about October 26, 2008, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Richard Lahne, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8058). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6153]

Meetings of the United States-Chile Environment Affairs Council

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are providing notice that, as set forth in Chapter 19 (Environment) of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the two governments intend to hold the fourth meeting of the Environment Affairs Council (the "Council") in Santiago, Chile on April 24, 2008. A public information session will be held for members of the public on April 24, at 3 p.m., in the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Teatinos 180, Conference Room, 2nd Floor. The purpose of the Council meeting is detailed below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

The meeting agenda will include a review of Chapter 19 Provisions, a progress report on projects outlined in the FTA's Environment Chapter, an overview of success stories under the 2007-2008 Work Program pursuant to the United States-Chile Environmental Cooperation Agreement ("the ECA"), a presentation of project ideas to continue with the implementation of the 2007-2008 Work Program and beyond, and a consultation between the advisory committees for Chile and the United States, La Comision Nacional del Medio Ambiente (CONAMA) and the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC). The Department of State and USTR invite interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public to submit written comments or suggestions regarding agenda items and to attend the public session.

In preparing comments, we encourage submitters to refer to: