

Proposal To Extend for Three Years Without Revision the Following Currently Approved Collection of Information

Title: Foreign Branch Report of Condition.

Form Number: FFIEC 030.

Frequency of Response: Annually, and quarterly for significant branches.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

For OCC:

OMB Number: 1557-0099.

Number of Respondents: 143 annual respondents 56 quarterly respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.9 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1431 burden hours.

For Board:

OMB Number: 7100-0071.

Number of Respondents: 40 annual respondents 26; quarterly respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.9 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 468 burden hours.

For FDIC:

OMB Number: 3064-0011.

Number of Respondents: 36 annual respondents; no quarterly respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.9 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 140.4 burden hours.

General Description of Report

This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 321, 324, and 602 (Board); 12 U.S.C. 602 (OCC); and 12 U.S.C. 1828 (FDIC). This information collection is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(8)). Small businesses (that is, small banks) are not affected.

Abstract

This report contains asset and liability information for foreign branches of insured U.S. commercial banks and is required for regulatory and supervisory purposes. The information is used to analyze the foreign operations of U.S. commercial banks. All foreign branches of U.S. banks regardless of charter type file this report with the appropriate Federal Reserve District Bank. The Federal Reserve collects this information on behalf of the U.S. bank's primary federal bank regulatory agency.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the

information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies and will be summarized or included in the agencies' requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 13, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 4th day of April, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; System of Records

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of alteration of a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, gives notice of a proposed revision to the system of records entitled "Security Clearance Files-Treasury/IRS 34.016," which is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

DATES: This notice will be adopted without further publication in the **Federal Register** on April 18, 2000, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Anderson, Program Analyst, Personnel Security Office A:PS:PSO, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4244, Washington, DC 20224, telephone (202) 622-9245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On February 10, 1999, Delegation Order #133, as revised, authorized the Chief, Management and Finance to process security clearances for IRS personnel in critical sensitive or noncritical sensitive positions or assignments. This authority can be re-delegated no lower than the Personnel Security Officer. The security clearance information (*i.e.*, grants, cancellations, and denials) is maintained by the Chief, Agencywide Shared Services, within the IRS Personnel Security Office.

The purpose of the alteration is to bring the notice pertaining to Security Clearance Files-Treasury/IRS 34.016 into compliance with the Privacy Act by making changes which reflect the transfer of responsibility for the system. The alterations include: A change to "System location," "Retrievability," "Safeguards," "System manager," and "Record access procedures." In addition, the Privacy Act notice data element "Purpose" is being added to the notice to conform to the requirements of the Act. The system notice was last published in its entirety in the **Federal Register**, Vol 63, page 69869, on December 17, 1998.

The changes to the system of records are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report. For the reasons set forth in this preamble, the IRS proposes to amend its system of records Treasury/IRS 34.016.

Dated: April 10, 2000.

Shelia Y. McCann,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration).

Treasury/IRS 34.016

SYSTEM NAME:

Security Clearance Files—Treasury/IRS.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: "Internal Revenue Service, Personnel Security Office, 1111 Constitution

Avenue, NW, Room 4244, Washington, DC 20224.”

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Description of change: Immediately preceding the heading “Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses,” insert the following entry:

PURPOSE:

This system of records documents issuances, transfers, and cancellations of security clearances issued to Internal Revenue Service employees in critical sensitive and noncritical sensitive positions.”

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RETRIEVABILITY:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: “Indexed by name or social security number.”

SAFEGUARDS:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: “Access controls will not be less than those provided by the Automated Information System Security Handbook, IRM 2(10)00, and the Manager’s Security Handbook, IRM 1(16)12. Records are stored in locked file cabinets and computerized records are password protected.”

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: “Official prescribing policies and practices—Chief, Agencywide Shared Services, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224. Official maintaining the system and records—Personnel Security Officer, A:PS:PSO, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4244, Washington, DC 20224.”

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RECORD ACCESS PRECDURES:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: “Individuals seeking access to this system of records or seeking to contest its content may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. Inquiries should be addressed to the IRS Personnel Security Officer, A:PS:PSO, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4244, Washington, DC 20224.”

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0089]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before May 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF

THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0089.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement of Dependency of Parent(s), VA Form 21-509.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0089.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: 38 U.S.C 102 requires that income and dependency must be determined before benefits may be paid to or for a dependent parent. VA Form 21-509 is used to gather the necessary information from the applicant to make this determination.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 2, 1999, on page 67629.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any

aspect of the information collection to VA’s OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 12035, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0089” in any correspondence.

Dated: March 27, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0321]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8135 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0321.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant’s Representative, VA Form 21-22.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0321.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by VA beneficiaries to appoint any one of a number of recognized service organizations to represent them in the prosecution of their VA claims. The information is used to determine who has access to the beneficiary’s claim file. In addition, it determines who has the right to receive copies of correspondence from VA to the