

Estimated number of respondents: 1.
Estimated average hours per response:

Reporting

Section 223.15(b)(4), 2;
 Section 223.31(d)(4), 6;
 Section 223.41(d)(2), 6;
 Section 223.43(b), 10;

Recordkeeping

Section 223.42(f), 2;
 Section 223.42(g)(3), 2.

Estimated annual burden hours: 28.

General description of report: The FR W information collection comprises the reporting requirements of Regulation W that are found in sections 223.15(b)(4), 223.31(d)(4), 223.41(d)(2), and 223.43(b). This information is used to demonstrate compliance with sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA) and to request certain exemptions from the Board. Sections 23A and 23B of the FRA are designed to protect a depository institution from exposure arising from certain transactions with affiliates. They also limit the ability of an insured depository institution to transfer the subsidy arising from access to the federal safety net to such affiliates. Regulation W implements sections 23A and 23B by defining terms used in the statute, explaining the statute's requirements, and exempting certain transactions. The regulation includes provisions requiring the reporting of information to the Board under certain circumstances, including a provision permitting a bank to request from the Board a discretionary exemption from the requirements of section 23A as long as the Board finds the exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of section 23A.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: Sections 23A and 23B of the FRA authorize the Board to issue these requirements (12 U.S.C. 371c(f) and 371c-1(e)). Compliance with the FR W requirements is required to obtain a benefit.

Information provided on the Loan Participation Renewal notice (Section 223.15(b)(4)) may be considered confidential under exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") as confidential commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). Information provided on the Acquisition notice (Section 223.31(d)(4)), the Internal Corporate Reorganization Transaction notice (Section 223.41(d)(2)), and the Section 23A Additional Information request (Section 223.43(b)) generally is not considered confidential, but respondents may request confidential

treatment under exemption 4 of the FOIA if the information is confidential commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private. Information collected under the FR W may also be considered confidential under FOIA exemption 8 if it is obtained as part of an examination or supervision of a financial institution (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)).

Current actions: On September 1, 2021, the Board published a notice in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 49031) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Associated with Regulation W. The Board revised the FR W information collection to account for two recordkeeping provisions in section 223.42 of Regulation W that had not been previously cleared by the Board under the PRA. The Board did not adopt any forms associated with FR W to address these provisions. The comment period for this notice expired on November 1, 2021. The Board did not receive any comments.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 6, 2021.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Deputy Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Recordkeeping Requirements of Regulation H and Regulation K Associated with the Procedures for Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act Compliance (FR K; OMB No. 7100-0310).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 8, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR K, by any of the following methods:

- **Agency website:** <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.
- **Email:** regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include the OMB

number or FR number in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.

- **Mail:** Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter's request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any confidential business information, identifying information, or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room 146, 1709 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452-3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551, (202) 452-3829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft

reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation, will be made available on the Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, 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 collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Report title: Recordkeeping Requirements of Regulation H and Regulation K Associated with the Procedures for Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act Compliance.

Agency form number: FR K.

OMB control number: 7100–0310.

Frequency: Annual.

Respondents: State member banks; Edge Act and agreement corporations; and U.S. branches, agencies, and representative offices of foreign banks supervised by the Board, except for a federal branch or a federal agency or a state branch that is insured by the

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Estimated number of respondents:

Establish compliance program—1;
Maintenance of compliance program—906.

Estimated average hours per response:

Establish compliance program—16;
Maintenance of compliance program—4.

Estimated annual burden hours:

Establish compliance program—16;
Maintenance of compliance program—3,624.

General description of report: Section 208.63 of the Board's Regulation H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR part 208) requires state member banks to establish and maintain in writing procedures reasonably designed to ensure and monitor compliance with the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) ¹ and its implementing regulations. Sections 211.5(m)(1) and 211.24(j)(1) of the Board's Regulation K—International Banking Operations (12 CFR part 211) impose those same requirements on Edge Act and agreement corporations and, except for a federal branch or a federal agency ² or a state branch that is insured by the FDIC, the U.S. branches, agencies, and representative offices of foreign banks supervised by the Board.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR K is authorized pursuant to section 8(s) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIA), which requires the federal banking agencies, including the Board, to (1) prescribe regulations requiring the institutions they regulate to establish and maintain procedures reasonably designed to assure and monitor compliance with the BSA and (2) to review such procedures during the course of their examinations (12 U.S.C. 1818(s)).³ The FR K is mandatory.

Because the records required by the FR K will be retained at banking organizations, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) would only be implicated if the Board's examiners obtained a copy of the records as part of the examination or supervision of a banking institution. In that case, the records may be exempt from disclosure

under exemption 8 of the FOIA, which protects examination materials from disclosure (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)). To the extent that information retained in response to the FR K constitutes nonpublic commercial or financial information, which is both customarily and actually treated as private by the respondent, it may also be kept confidential under exemption 4 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). Exemption 4 protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential."

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 6, 2021.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Deputy Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Registration of a Securities Holding Company (FR 2082; OMB No. 7100–0347).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551, (202) 452–3829.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. The OMB inventory, as well as copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements, and approved collection of information

¹ See 31 U.S.C. 5311 *et seq.*

² The terms "federal agency" and "federal branch" have the same meanings as in section 1 of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3101). See 12 CFR 211.21.

³ Section 8(s) of the FDIA authorizes the Board to prescribe regulations covering the entities required to comply with section 208.63 of the Board's Regulation H (12 CFR 208.63) and sections 211.5(m)(1) and 211.24(j)(1) of the Board's Regulation K (12 CFR 211.5(m)(1) and 12 CFR 211.24(j)(1)). See 12 U.S.C. 1813(c)(3), 1818(b)(3), and 1818(b)(4).