

*Description:* Transactions prohibited pursuant to the Trading With the Enemy Act, 50 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, and other authorities may be authorized by means of specific licenses issued by OFAC. Such licenses are issued in response to applications submitted by persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked or who wish to engage in transactions that would otherwise be prohibited. The OFAC Application for the Release of Blocked Funds, which provides a standardized method of application for all applicants seeking the unblocking of funds, is available in electronic format on OFAC's website. By obviating the need for applicants to write lengthy letters to OFAC, this form reduces the overall burden of the application process. Since February 2000, use of the OFAC Application for the Release of Blocked Funds to apply for the unblocking of funds has been mandatory pursuant to a revision in OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR 501.801. See 65 FR 10707 (February 29, 2000). Applications to OFAC for the release of blocked funds can be made via the electronic licensing portal here: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/ofac-license-application-page>.

*Affected Public:* The likely respondents and record-keepers affected by this collection of information are U.S. financial institutions, U.S. individuals/businesses, other for-profit institutions, and non-governmental organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Based on recent data received and trends, the estimate for the number of unique reporting respondents is approximately 4,000 respondents per year.

*Frequency of Response:* The estimated annual frequency of responses is approximately 1 per respondent, based on average transaction volume.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* The estimated total number of responses per year is approximately 4,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* OFAC assesses that there is an average time estimate of 40 minutes per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* The estimated total annual reporting burden is approximately 2,667 hours.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a

matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

[Docket No. OFAC-2022-0001]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Persons Providing Travel and Carrier Services to Cuba

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning OFAC's information collection requirements for persons providing authorized travel or carrier services related to Cuba, which are contained within the Cuban Assets Control Regulations.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 21, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions on the website for submitting comments.

*Email:* [OFACreport@treasury.gov](mailto:OFACreport@treasury.gov) with Attn: Request for Comments (Cuban Travel and Carrier Services).

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and refer to Docket Number OFAC-2022-0001 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1505-0168. Comments received will be made available to the public via <https://www.regulations.gov> or upon request, without change and including any personal information provided.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Persons Providing Travel and Carrier Services to Cuba.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0168.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Description:* Requirements to retain records are codified in § 515.572(b) of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR part 515 (the "Regulations"). Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction who provide authorized travel or carrier services related to Cuba are required to maintain for at least five years from the date of the transaction a certification from each customer indicating the name and address of each customer and the section of the Regulations (in the case of generally licensed travel), or the specific license number, that authorizes the person to travel to Cuba.

The records covered by this information collection must be provided on request to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and will be used to monitor compliance with regulations governing persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction, including travel agents, airlines and vessel operators, providing authorized travel and carrier services with respect to Cuba and persons who travel to Cuba.

*Forms:* Section 515.572(b)(1) does not specify any particular form of recordkeeping.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, households, travel and carrier businesses, other for-profit businesses, non-governmental organizations. The likely respondents and record-keepers affected by this collection of information are U.S. travel and carrier businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* OFAC estimates, based on multiple sources including data received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border

Protection, and information collected by OFAC, that the number of unique record-keepers is approximately 35,000 per year. OFAC believes the significant decline in the number of unique respondents over the past three years is largely due to a change in methodology, including improved data, as well as to other factors discussed below. Pursuant to this methodology, OFAC has identified a smaller number of travel service providers but a larger number of records per respondent. OFAC believes that the decline in the number of unique respondents can also be attributed to the following: (1) An overall decline in travel worldwide due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; (2) OFAC's elimination of the group people-to-people educational travel authorization in June 2019; and (3) amendments to the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security's regulations that restrict the temporary sojourn of aircraft and vessels to Cuba, also in June 2019. OFAC assesses that the number of annual trips will likely slowly increase over the coming three years if travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to ease, although there is some uncertainty due to the ongoing pandemic.

*Estimated Number of Records per Respondent:* Based on newly acquired data and OFAC's revised methodology, the estimated number of records is approximately 10 per respondent. (Some recordkeepers may keep far more records and some far less; 10 is an average.)

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Records:* Based on additional data and OFAC's revised methodology, the estimated total number of annual records is approximately 350,000. OFAC has factored into our assessment a likely increase in travel between the United States and Cuba over the next three years as pandemic travel restrictions ease, but believes that numbers of travelers will not rise to levels present when a wider variety of types of travel to Cuba were generally licensed.

*Estimated Time per Record:* OFAC assesses that there is an average time estimate of 1 minute per record.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* The estimated total annual reporting burden is approximately 5,800 hours.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in OFAC's request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-XXXX]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Veterans Engagement Action Center (VEAC) Surveys

**AGENCY:** Veterans Experience Office, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Experience Office (VEO), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before 4/29/2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Evan Albert, Director of Measurement, Veterans Experience Office, EMD Directorate, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [evan.albert@va.gov](mailto:evan.albert@va.gov). Please refer to "VEAC Survey Feedback" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to "VEO VEAC Survey Feedback" in any correspondence.

Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VEO invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VEO's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VEO's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Authority:* FY2021 MILCON House report 116-445.

*Title:* Veterans Engagement Action Center (VEAC) Surveys.

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC) is a Veterans Affairs (VA) program established to proactively assist Veterans in a selected state with a one-stop resource for all their needs. The VEAC brings together VA benefits, health care and other resources in partnership with state VA resources.

The VEAC gathers feedback from Veterans, Active Military, Guard/Reservist, Family members, caregivers, providers, and survivors. The VEAC then provides that feedback to VA leaders to measure the success of the outreach event and measure the ease, effectiveness, emotion, and trust from the participants as they exit. The surveys will further allow the Veterans Experience Office (VEO) to measure whether the needs of the participants were met. Additional areas where the survey results will impact:

- Identifies gaps and challenges in health care, benefits, and service delivery.
- Identifies areas for how VA can best support local efforts in a holistic fashion.