

This quantity is calculated using the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States, derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of 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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military Personnel Policy/Accession Policy), Attn: MAJ Tony Kanellis, Room 2B271, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and

associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call (703) 697-9269.

Title, Applicable, and OMB Control Number: DoD Loan Repayment Program (LRP); DD Form 2475; OMB Control Number 0704-0152.

Needs and Uses: Military Services are authorized to repay student loans for individuals who meet certain criteria and who enlist for active military service or enter Reserve service for a specified obligation period. Applicants who qualify for the program forward the DD Form 2475, "DoD Educational Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Annual Application," to their Military Service Personnel Office for processing. The Military Service Personnel Office verifies the information and fills in the loan repayment date, address and phone number. For the Reserve Components, the Military Service Personnel Office forwards the DD Form 2475 to the lending institution. For the active-duty Service, the Service member mails the form to the lending institution. The lending institution confirms the loan status and certification and mails the form back to the Military Service Personnel Office.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours (Including Recordkeeping): 6,750 hours.

Number of Respondents: 27,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Public Laws 99-145 and 100-180 authorize the Military Services to repay student loans for individuals who agree to enter the military in specific occupational areas for a specified service obligation period. The legislation requires the Services to verify the status of the individual's loan prior to repayment. The DD Form 2475, "DoD Educational Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Annual Application," is used to collect the necessary verification data from the lending institution.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Manual for Courts-Martial; Proposed Amendments

AGENCY: Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

ACTION: Notice of summary of public comment received regarding proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2000 ed.).

SUMMARY: The JSC is forwarding final proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2000 ed.) (MCM) to the Department of Defense. The proposed changes, resulting from the JSC's 2002 annual review of the MCM, concern the rules of procedure applicable in trials by courts-martial. The proposed changes have not been coordinated within the Department of Defense under DoD Directive 5500.1, "Preparation and Processing of Legislation, Executive Orders, Proclamations, and Reports and Comments Thereon," May 21, 1964, and do not constitute the official position of the Department of Defense, the Military Departments, or any other government agency.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials received from the public are available for inspection or copying at the Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Military Law Branch, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20380-1775, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major C. G. Carlson, USMC, Executive Secretary, Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (JAM), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20380-1775, (703) 614-4250, (703) 695-0335 fax.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On 20 May 2002, the JSC published a Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial and a Notice of Public Meeting to receive comment on its 2002 draft annual review of the Manual for Courts-Martial. On 27 June 2002, the public meeting was held. Three individuals and two members of the press attended the public meeting. Only one individual on behalf of an organization provided oral comment. The JSC received one letter commenting on the proposed amendments.

Purpose

The proposed changes concern the rules of procedure applicable in trials by courts-martial. More specifically, the