

chemical constituents from environmental matrices.

Thermal Desorption Devices—These portable and transportable, self contained units use high temperatures to volatilize and extract volatile and semivolatile chemical constituents from environmental matrices.

Transient Electromagnetic (EM) Geophysics—These technologies are based on detecting changes in subsurface electromagnetic characteristics. Interpretation of this data provides information on the subsurface environment. This particular technology differs from ground penetrating radar in that it looks more at the shape of the pulse at the sensor, rather than at the pulse's time of arrival.

Voltammetric Stripping—These portable units use electrochemistry to detect and quantify metals in environmental samples. By changing the potential across an anode or cathode, these instruments cause metals in solution to plate-out or be released. By changing the anode and cathode material, specific metals can be targeted for detection and quantitation. This technology is generally applied to water samples, however, it may be possible to use this technology on extracts from soil samples.

X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers—These self-contained, field portable instruments consist of an energy dispersive x-ray source, a detector, and a data processing system. The combination of a source and data processing system allow for the detection and quantitation of individual metals or groups of metals.

EPA may include additional categories of monitoring and measurement technologies in subsequent versions of Vendor FACTS depending on feedback from the users. Suggestions for additional technologies may be sent to: Vendor FACTS Project Manager, Technology Innovation Office (5102W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460.

Walter W. Kovalick,

Director, Technology Innovation Office.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Forms Under Review

Background

Notice is hereby given of the submission of proposed information collection(s) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its

review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (Title 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and under OMB regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public (5 CFR Part 1320). A copy of the proposed information collection(s) and supporting documents is available from the agency clearance officer listed in the notice. Any comments on the proposal should be sent to the agency clearance officer and to the OMB desk officer listed in the notice.

DATES: Comments are welcome and should be submitted on or before March 23, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Mary M. McLaughlin—Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551 (202-452-3829); for the hearing impaired only, telecommunications device for the deaf (TTD) (202-452-3544), Dorothea Thompson, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

OMB Desk Officer—Milo Sunderhauf—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503 (202-395-7340) Request for OMB approval to extend, with revision, the following report:

1. *Report title:* Country Exposure Report.

Agency form number: FFIEC 009.

OMB Docket number: 7100-0035.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Reporters: State member banks and bank holding companies.

Annual reporting hours: 13,064.

Estimated average hours per response: 23.

Number of respondents: 142.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory to obtain or retain a benefit [(12 U.S.C. 248(a), 1844(c), and 3906)] and is given confidential treatment [(5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(8))].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This interagency report collects information on international claims of U.S. banks and bank holding companies that is used for supervisory and analytical purposes. The information is used to monitor country exposure of banks to determine the degree of risk in their portfolios and the possible impact on U.S. banks of adverse developments in particular countries. The proposed changes, which would be effective as of March 31, 1995, are as follows:

(1) A memorandum item, "Revaluation Gains on Off-Balance-

Sheet Items Reported in Column 4", would be added as Column 9. This item contains revaluation gains (i.e. assets) from the marking to market of interest rate, foreign exchange rate, and other commodity and equity contracts held for trading purposes.

(2) A memorandum item, "Amounts Reported in Column (4) after Adjustments in Columns 10-15 That Represent Securities Held in Trading Account," would be added as Column 16. The carrying value of any available-for-sale securities or of any loans or leases that are held for sale are not to be reported in this item.

(3) An existing item, "Amount of Claims that Represent Guarantees Issued by the U.S. Government and its Agencies" (Column 13), would be deleted.

(4) Three existing items collecting information on commitments, "Commercial Letters of Credit" (Column 20), "Standby Letters of Credit and Risk Participations Purchased" (Column 21), and "All Other Commitments" (Column 22), would be combined into one item, "All Commitments."

(5) An existing memorandum item, "Trade Financing" (Column 20), would be redefined to include "Commercial Letters of Credit" (Column 20), with the resulting item renumbered as Column 23.

(6) The country list would be updated to replace Belgium-Luxembourg with two countries, Belgium and Luxembourg and to replace Czechoslovakia with two countries, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In addition, the instructions would be modified to state that all claims consisting of available-for-sale securities in Columns 1-4 are to be reported at amortized cost rather than at fair value. The instructions would also be clarified to state that the report must be completed in a manner consistent with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 39, "Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Contracts." Finally, the definition of "Guaranteed Claims" in the instructions would be broadened to address the treatment of off-balance-sheet items.

Request for OMB approval to extend, without revision, the following report:

2. *Report title:* Country Exposure Information Report.

Agency form number: FFIEC 009a.

OMB Docket number: 7100-0035.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Reporters: State member banks and bank holding companies.

Annual reporting hours: 2,840.

Estimated average hours per response: 5.

Number of respondents: 142.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory to obtain or retain a benefit [(12 U.S.C. 248(a), 1844(c), and 3906)] and is not given confidential treatment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This report is a supplement to the Country Exposure Report (FFIEC 009) and provides publicly available information on material foreign country exposures (all exposures to a country in excess of one percent of total assets or 20 percent of capital, whichever is less) of U.S. banks and bank holding companies that file the FFIEC 009 report. Reporting institutions must also furnish a list of countries in which they have lending exposures above .75 percent of total assets or 15 percent of total capital, whichever is less. No changes are proposed to the FFIEC 009a reporting form or instructions.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 14, 1995.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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Agency Forms Under Review

Background

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collections by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 C.F.R. 1320.9 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Mary M. McLaughlin—Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551 (202-52-829)

OMB Desk Officer—Milo Sunderhauf—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503 (202-95-340)

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension, with revisions, of the following reports:

1. *Report title:* Annual Survey of Eligible Bankers Acceptances.

Agency form number: FR 2006.

OMB Docket number: 7100-055.

Frequency: Annual.

Reporters: U.S. commercial banks, U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks and Edge and agreement corporations.

Annual reporting hours: 65.

Estimated average hours per response: 0.65.

Number of respondents: 101.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary [12 U.S.C. §§ 248(a), 625, and 3105(b)] and is confidential [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)].

This report provides detailed information on eligible U.S. dollar acceptances that are payable in the United States. The data are used for constructing the monetary aggregates and a measure of short-and intermediate-term business credit.

Abstract: The Federal Reserve reduced the reporting frequency from once a month to once a year, and eliminated nine of the thirteen items on the report. The panel selection criterion for future panel additions will change from the 100 most active issuers to those whose acceptances outstanding exceed \$50 million on their quarterly condition reports. These revisions reduce the annual reporting burden for this report by 97 percent.

2. *Report title:* Notice by Financial Institutions of, and Termination of, Activities as a Government Securities Broker or Government Securities Dealer. *Agency form number:* FR G-FIN and FR G-FINW.

OMB Docket number: 7100-224.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: State member banks, foreign banks, state-chartered branches and agencies of foreign banks, and commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks.

Annual reporting hours: 37.

Estimated average hours per response: 1.

Number of respondents: 37.

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory [15 U.S.C. §780-5(a)(1)(B)(ii)] and is not given confidential treatment.

Abstract: Each financial institution that acts as a government securities broker or dealer is required to notify its appropriate federal regulatory agency of its broker-dealer activities by filing an FR G-FIN, unless exempted from the notice requirement by Treasury Department regulation. Financial institutions that have previously filed an FR G-FIN and that have terminated their broker-dealer activities must notify their appropriate federal regulatory agency by filing an FR G-FINW. The revisions involve clarifying the instructions as to the appropriate regulatory authority for various categories of government securities brokers and dealers to reflect the Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993.

3. *Report title:* Uniform Application for Municipal Securities Principal or Municipal Securities Representative Associated with a Bank Municipal Securities Dealer; Uniform Termination Notice for Municipal Securities Principal or Municipal Securities Representative Associated with a Bank Municipal Securities Dealer.

Agency form number: FR MSD-, MSD-

OMB Docket number: 7100-100, 7100-101.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: State member banks who engage in activities as municipal securities dealers, and persons who are or seek to be associated with such dealers as municipal securities principals or representatives.

Annual reporting hours: 303, 33.

Estimated average hours per response: 2.75, 0.25.

Number of respondents: 110, 133.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory [15 U.S.C. §§780-4(b)(2)(A) and 780-4(c)(5)] and is given confidential treatment [5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6)].

Abstract: The filing of this application is required of a Municipal Securities Dealer Bank (MSD) and a person associated with a MSD, prior to such person functioning in a professional capacity. This application serves to verify compliance with the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and with related securities and banking laws. It is also used as a source document for entry into an interagency computer system of records. The MSD-notice must be filed within 30 days after a person associated in a professional capacity with a bank municipal securities dealer terminates employment. The notice is a compliance vehicle for rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and for related securities and banking laws. It is also a source document for updating information on an interagency computer system of records. The proposed revisions involve changing the phrasing of one item on the FR MSD-.

4. *Report title:* Uniform Form for Registration as a Transfer Agent and for Amendment to Registration.

Agency form number: FR TA-.

OMB Docket number: 7100-099.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: State member banks, bank holding companies, and nondeposit trust company subsidiaries of bank holding companies.

Annual reporting hours: 19.

Estimated average hours per response: 0.53.

Number of respondents: 36.