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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Request

Normally on Fridays, the Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Since the last list was published in the Federal Register on March 1, 1996, the information collections listed below have been proposed or will require extension of the current OMB approvals. (Call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4142 for a copy of the form(s) or package(s), or write to her at the address listed below the information collections.)

1. Application for Benefits Under a U.S. International Social Security Agreement—0960-0448. The information collected on form SSA-2490 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine a claimant's eligibility for U.S. Social Security benefits under the provisions of an international social security agreement. It is also used to take an application for benefits from a foreign country under an agreement. The respondents are individuals who are applying for benefits from either the United States and/or a foreign country with which the United States has an agreement. The United States currently has 17 such agreements.

Number of Respondents: 20,000.
Frequency of response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

2. Self-Employment-Corporate Officer Questionnaire—0960-0487. The information collected on form SSA-4184 is used by the Social Security Administration to develop a claimant's

earnings or corroborate his or her allegation of retirement when he or she is self-employed or a corporate officer. The affected public consists of claimants for benefits who provide the additional information to support their allegation concerning earnings or employment.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,667 hours.

3. Statement Regarding the Inferred Death of an Individual by Reason of Continued and Unexplained Absence—0960-0002. The information collected on form SSA-723 is used to determine if the Social Security Administration may infer that a missing person is deceased. The respondents are individuals who know or are related to the missing person.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500 hours.

4. Partnership Questionnaire—0960-0025. The form SSA-7104 is used to collect information which is needed to evaluate partnership relationships to determine which portion of the partnership income should be credited to each partner. The affected public consists of claimants for social security benefits who are involved in a partnership.

Number of Respondents: 12,350.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,175 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding these information collections should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Charlotte S. Whitenight, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Extension of the Restriction on the Use of United States Passports for Travel To, In, or Through Iraq

On February 1, 1991, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.73 (a)(2) and (a)(3), all United States passports, with certain exceptions, were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through Iraq unless specifically validated for such travel. The restriction was originally imposed because armed hostilities then were taking place in Iraq and Kuwait, and because there was an imminent danger to the safety of United States travelers to Iraq. American citizens then residing in Iraq and American professional reporters and journalists on assignment there were exempted from the restrictions on the ground that such exemptions were in the national interest. The restriction was extended for additional one-year periods on February 18, 1992, February 23, 1993, February 26, 1994, and March 3, 1995.

Although armed hostilities have ended, conditions in Iraq remain unsettled and hazardous. Regional conflicts continue in northern Iraq between Kurdish ethnic groups and Iraqi security forces. In southern Iraq, military repression of the Shia communities is severe, rendering conditions unsafe. Iraq's economy was severely damaged during the Gulf War and continues to be affected by the U.N. economic sanctions. Basic modern medical care and medicines may not be available to our citizens in case of emergency.

U.S. citizens and other foreigners working inside Kuwait near the Iraqi borders have been detained by Iraqi authorities in the past and sentenced to lengthy jail terms for illegal entry into the country. Although our interests are represented by the Embassy of Poland in Baghdad, its ability to obtain consular access to detained U.S. citizens and to perform emergency services is constrained by Iraqi unwillingness to cooperate.