

III. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular Section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NSCC-96-07) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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 P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Since the last list was published in the Federal Register on April 5, 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) 965-4123 for a copy of the form(s) or package(s), or write to her at the address listed below the information collections.)

1. *State Report of Incorrect BENDEX Information—0960-0517*. The information collected by form SSA-1086 is used by the Social Security Administration to correct its master database and to facilitate the electronic exchange of data. The respondents are state agencies who provide or receive incorrect information from SSA during the beneficiary data exchange operation.

Number of Respondents: 155
Frequency of Response: 2 times annually
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes
Estimated Annual Burden: 52 hours

2. *Government Pension*

Questionnaire—0960-0160. The information collected by form SSA-3885 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine if an

individual's Social Security benefit should be reduced because of his or her receipt of a Government pension. The respondents are claimants for Social Security benefits who receive, or are qualified to receive, a Government pension.

Number of respondents: 76,000
Frequency of Response: 1
Average Burden Per Response: 12.5 minutes
Estimated Annual Burden: 15,833 hours

3. *Final Regulation Regarding Continuation of Full Benefit Standard for Persons Institutionalized—0960-0516*. The information collected by the Social Security Administration will be used to determine if a recipient of Supplemental Security Income benefits who is temporarily institutionalized is eligible to receive a full benefit. The respondents will be such recipients and their physicians.

Number of Respondents: 60,000
Frequency of Response: 1
Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes
Estimated Annual Burden: 5,000 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.

Dated: April 10, 1996.
Charlotte Whitenight,
Reports Clearance Officer Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2368]

Revised Notice of Guidelines for Determining Comparability of Foreign Programs for the Protection of Turtles in Shrimp Trawl Fishing Operations

SUMMARY: Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 ("Section 609") provides that

shrimp harvested with technology that may adversely affect certain sea turtles may not be imported into the United States unless there is an annual certification to Congress that the harvesting nation has a regulatory program and an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States, or, alternatively, that the fishing environment in the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles. This notice revises guidelines used by the Department of State in making such certifications, in accordance with an order issued by the U.S. Court of International Trade on December 29, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Hollis Summers, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, telephone number (202) 647-3940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 609 provides that shrimp or products from shrimp harvested with commercial fishing technology that may adversely affect certain species of sea turtles protected under U.S. laws and regulations may not be imported into the United States unless the President certifies to Congress by May 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, that:

a. The government of the harvesting nation has provided documentary evidence of the adoption of a regulatory program governing the incidental taking of such sea turtles in the course of such harvesting that is comparable to that of the United States; and

b. The average rate of that incidental taking by vessels of the harvesting nation is comparable to the average rate of incidental taking of sea turtles by United States vessels in the course of such harvesting; or

c. The particular fishing environment of the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of such sea turtles in the course of such harvesting.

The President has delegated to the Secretary of State the authority to make certifications pursuant to Section 609 (Memorandum of December 19, 1990; 56 FR 357; January 4, 1991).

The relevant species of sea turtles are: loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempfi*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermodochelys coriacea*) and hawksbill (*Eremochelys imbricata*).

The Department of State had previously determined that Congress intended Section 609 to apply only to certain nations in the wider Caribbean/

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1995).