

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. M-033]****Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations****ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before June 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rebecca Mavilia Boyd, Office of Financial Approvals, Maritime Administration, MAR-580, Room 8114, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5870 or FAX 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Records Retention Schedule.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0501.

*Form Number:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 1997.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* Section 801, Merchant Marine Act, 1936 as amended (46 APP USC 1211) requires retention of construction differential subsidy or operating differential subsidy records.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information will be used to audit pertinent records at the conclusion of a contract when the contractor was receiving financial assistance from the government.

*Description of Respondents:* U.S. shipping companies.

*Annual Responses:* 15.

*Annual Burden:* 750 hours.

*Comments:* Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this

burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Date: April 25, 1997.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. M-032]****Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations****ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request approval of information collection entitled Information to Determine Seamen's Reemployment Rights—National Emergency.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before June 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher Krusa, Maritime Training Specialist, Office of Maritime Labor, Training, and Safety, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2648 or fax 202-498-2288. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Information to Determine Seamen's Reemployment Rights—National Emergency

*Type of Request:* Approval of new information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-.

*Form Number:* Collection doesn't require completion of a form.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable—new collection.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The MARAD is requesting approval of this collection in an effort to implement provisions of the Maritime Security Act of 1996. These provisions amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to grant reemployment rights and other benefits to certain merchant seamen serving on vessels used by the United States for a war, armed conflict, national emergency or maritime mobilization need. As such, this rule establishes the procedure for obtaining the necessary MARAD certification for reemployment

rights and other benefits conferred by statute and its assistance in pursuing these statutory rights and benefits.

*Need and Use of the Information:*

This information collection requires merchant seamen to provide documents indicating their period of employment and their merchant mariner's status. The information provided will allow MARAD to determine eligibility for reemployment rights when the employment is related to a designated national service.

*Description of Respondents:*

Respondents are U.S. merchant seamen who have completed designated national service in time of war or national emergency and are seeking reemployment with a prior employer.

*Annual Responses:* 50.

*Annual Burden:* 50 hours.

*Comments:* Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 24, 1997.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 8109, 8109-B, and 8109-C**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Forms 8109 and