

technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

Proposed TSO-C69c sets forth the basic requirements for the design and performance of emergency slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations. The changes to this TSO include the addition of specific revisions to the requirements and tests for beam strength, attachment means, evacuation rate conditions, dark of night usability rate, and hot and cold soak. This revision also adds requirements for testing to ensure particular wind loading directions are added for devices which do not deploy perpendicular to the aircraft center line. In addition, Appendices 2 through 4 were added to include standardized definitions used in the TSO, described data collection procedures, and provide a detailed summary of changes contained in this latest TSO revision, respectively. The TSO has been reformatted. In addition, this revision incorporates two NTSB safety recommendations A-88-106 and A-88-107 which calls for improvements to the construction and placarding of manual inflation handles and disconnect means.

In addition to the requirements of 14 CFR 21.607(d), each separate component that is easily removable (without hand tools), an interchangeable element, or a separate sub-assembly of the article must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, manufacturer's past number, and the TSO number.

How to Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO-C69c, may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air100home.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Federal Aviation Administration Standards for Emergency Evacuation Slides, Ramps, and Slide/Raft Combinations may be obtained at the FAA Headquarters in the Aircraft Engineering Division (AIR-120), and all Aircraft Certification Offices (ACO's).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 13, 1998.

Abbas A. Rizvi,

Acting Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Commission to Study Capital Budgeting

AGENCY: Advisory Commission to the President of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the next meetings of the Commission to Study Capital Budgeting includes briefings and the hearing of testimony on capital budgeting issues on Friday, January 30. On Saturday morning, January 31, the Commission will review draft materials related to capital budgeting prepared by its staff and then continue discussions on capital budgeting as time permits. Meetings are open to the public. Limited seating capacity is available.

Dates, Times and Places of the Next Commission Meetings

January 30, 1998, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Senate Budget Committee Hearing Room, Room 608, Dirksen Senate Office Building, First and C Streets, NE, Washington, DC 20510.

January 31, 1998, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
White House Conference Center, Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

The Commission is seeking all views on capital budgeting. Interested parties may submit their views to: Barry Anderson, Executive Director, President's Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Old Executive Office Building (Room 258), Washington, DC 20503. Voice: (202) 395-4630; Fax: (202) 395-6170; E-Mail: capital_budget@oa.eop.gov; Website: To be announced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. William Dinkelacker, Room 4456, Main Treasury, Washington, DC 20220. Voice: (202) 622-1285; Fax: (202) 622-1294; E-Mail: william.dinkelacker@treas.sprint.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, OTS, Board, and FDIC (Agencies) as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed revisions to a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35), the Agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Currently, the Agencies are soliciting comments regarding an information collection concerning certain corporate changes. The information collection is titled: Interagency Bank Merger Act Application. In the case of the OCC, this collection is a part of the Comptroller's Corporate Manual. Additionally, the OCC is making other clarifying changes to the Comptroller's Corporate Manual. **DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by March 23, 1998. **ADDRESSES:** Direct written comments as follows:

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Third Floor, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219; Attention: 1557-0014. Comments also may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to: regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. Comments will be available for inspection and photocopying at the OCC's Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., on business

days. Appointments for inspection of comments can be made by calling (202) 874-5043.

OTS: Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0016. These submissions may be hand-delivered to 1700 G Street, NW, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on business days. They may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755. Comments over 25 pages in length should be sent to Fax (202) 906-6956. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., on business days.

Board: William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room, between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street NW. Comments received may be inspected in Room MP-500 of the Martin Building, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in 12 CFR 261.8 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.8(a).

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, (202) 898-3907. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street building (located on F Street) on business days, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Fax number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov).

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the agencies: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or a copy of the collection may be obtained by contacting:

OCC: Jessie Gates, OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OTS: Scott Ciardi, Financial Analyst, Corporate Activities, (202)906-6960, or Frances C. Augello, Senior Counsel, Business Transactions Division, (202)906-6151, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW,

Washington, DC 20552. Copies of the forms with instructions are available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on business days or from PubliFax, OTS Fax-on-Demand system, at (202)906-5660.

Board: Mary M. McLaughlin, Chief, Financial Reports Section, (202)452-3829. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), users may contact Diane Jenkins (202)452-3544, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551.

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429, (202) 898-3907.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to extend for three years with major revision the following currently approved collections of information:

Title: Interagency Bank Merger Act Application.

OCC's Title: Comptroller's Corporate Manual. The specific portions of the Comptroller's Corporate Manual covered by this notice are those that pertain to the Business Combination Application, certain disclosures, and various portions to which the OCC is making clarifying changes.

OMB Number: OCC: 1557-0014.

OTS: 1550-0016.

Board: 7100-0171.

FDIC: 3064-0015.

Form Number: OCC: None.

OTS: 1639 (formerly 1588).

Board: FR 2070.

FDIC: 6220/01 and 6220/07.

Abstract: This submission covers a revision to make uniform among the Agencies the merger application forms for both affiliated and nonaffiliated institutions. The form name is the Interagency Bank Merger Act Application. The Agencies need the information collected to insure that the proposed transactions are permissible under law and regulation and are consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The Agencies are required, for example, under the Bank Merger Act, to consider financial and managerial resources, future prospects, convenience and needs of the community, community reinvestment, and competition.

Some agencies will collect limited supplemental information in certain cases. For example, the OCC and OTS will collect information regarding CRA commitments, the FDIC may require a legal certification of counsel to confirm that the merger agreement is legally sufficient, and all agencies will require additional information on the

competitive impact of proposed mergers under separate instructions.

Further, the OCC is correcting its information collection inventory to cover certain disclosures required in the Manual. This is an administrative adjustment, and does not change, in any way, the requirements on national banks. Finally, the OCC is making technical and clarifying changes to various Manual booklets. These changes are not material. The changes are technical in nature and do not change, in any way, the requirements on national banks.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: OCC:

Nonaffiliate—120; Affiliate—260.

OTS: Nonaffiliate—60; Affiliate—5.

Board: Nonaffiliate—57; Affiliate—79.

FDIC: Nonaffiliate—240; Affiliate—

290.

Total Annual Responses: OCC:

Nonaffiliate—120; Affiliate—260.

OTS: Nonaffiliate—60; Affiliate—5.

Board: Nonaffiliate—57; Affiliate—79.

FDIC: Nonaffiliate—240; Affiliate—

290.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Annual Burden Hours: OCC:

Nonaffiliate—3,600; Affiliate—4,680.

Total: 8,280 burden hours.

OTS: Nonaffiliate—1,800; Affiliate—

90. Total: 1,890 burden hours.

Board: Nonaffiliate—1,710; Affiliate—

1,422. Total: 3,132 burden hours.

FDIC: Nonaffiliate—7,200; Affiliate—

5,220. Total: 12,420 burden hours.

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory. 12 U.S.C. 1828(c) (OCC, FDIC, and OTS); and 12 U.S.C. 321, 1828(c), and 4804 (Board).

Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in each Agency's OMB submission. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, while minimizing burden;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology;

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide the required information; and

(f) The agencies also request specific comment on the format of the application form. Which is preferable:

(1) A narrative style form that describes a feature of the merger that may be answered "not applicable," if appropriate; or (2) a yes/no form with boxes to check "yes" and "no," followed by a requirement to describe the feature if appropriate?

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Karen Solomon,

Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 13, 1998.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 22d day of December 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Catherine C. Teti,

Director, Records Management and Information Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Federal Atlas Assurance Company of America

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Surety companies acceptable on Federal Atlas Assurance Company of America.

SUMMARY: (Dept. Circ. 570, 1997 Rev., Supp. No. 6.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch, (202) 874-7102.

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1997 Revision, on page 35553 to reflect this addition:

Atlas Assurance Company of America. Business address: 600 College

Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540. Phone: (609) 275-2600. Underwriting limitation: ^b \$34,535,000. Surety licenses: ^c AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY. Incorporated in: New York.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR, Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6887. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048000-00509-8.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A11, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Charles F. Schwan, III,

Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 98-13

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,

Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 98-13, Election to Treat Certain Revocable Trusts as Part of an Estate.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Election to Treat Certain Revocable Trusts as Part of an Estate.

OMB Number: 1545-1578.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 98-13.

Abstract: Revenue Procedure 98-13 describes the procedures and requirements for making an election to have certain revocable trusts treated and taxed as part of an estate. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 added section 646 to the Internal Revenue Code to permit the election.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or