

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application For License or Permit Under 18 U.S.C. Chapter 40, Explosives.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 31, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Gail H. Davis, Firearms, Explosives and Arson Programs Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application For License or Permit Under 18 U.S.C. Chapter 40, Explosives.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0182.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5400.13/5400.16.

*Abstract:* Chapter 40, Title 18, U.S.C. provides that any person engaged in the business of explosive materials as a dealer, manufacturer, or importer shall be licensed. The information collected on the form is used to determine if the applicant is qualified to be a licensee or permittee under the provisions of the statute. There is no record retention requirement for the applicant.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,100.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,200.

**Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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 shall 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

**John W. Magaw,**

*Director.*

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dottie Morales, Explosives and Arson Programs Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8051.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Inventories: Licensed Explosives Importers, Manufacturers, Dealers, and Permittees.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0371.

*Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number:* ATF REC 5400/1.

*Abstract:* These records show the explosive material inventories of those persons engaged in various activities within the explosives industry and are used by the government as initial figures from which an audit trial can be developed during the course of a compliance inspection or criminal investigation. Licensees and permittees shall keep records on the business premises for five years from the date a transaction occurs or until discontinuance of business or operations by licenses or permittee.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 13,106.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 26,212.

**Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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