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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Concept Release Concerning the Regulation of Noncompetitive Transactions Executed on or Subject to the Rules of a Contract Market

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period on Concept Release.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has issued a Concept Release concerning the regulation of noncompetitive transactions executed on or subject to the rules of a contract market. The Commission has solicited comments on a broad range of questions concerning the oversight of transactions involving (i) the exchange of futures contracts for, or in connection with, cash commodities, (ii) other noncompetitive transactions, and (iii) the use of execution facilities for noncompetitive transactions. The Concept Release was initially published for comment on January 26, 1998 (63 FR 3708) with comments on the release due by March 27, 1998. In response to a request from the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange, Inc., the Commission has determined to extend the comment period on this release for an additional 30 days. The extended deadline for comments on the Concept Release is April 27, 1998.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the Concept Release should submit their views and comments by the specified date to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Creed, Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1150 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5493.

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Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Finance Deputate, ATTN: Mr. Faafiti Malufau, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22240-5291.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Mr. Faafiti Malufau, 703-607-5061.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Former Spouse Payments From Retired Pay (DD Form 2293).

Needs and Uses: Under 10 U.S.C. 1408, state courts may divide military retired pay as property or order alimony and child support payments from the retired pay. The former spouse may apply to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for direct

payment of these monies by using the DD Form 2293. This information collection is needed to provide DFAS the basic data needed to process the request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Annual Burden Hours: 5130 hours

Number of Respondents: 20,520

Responses Per Respondent: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes

Frequency: On occasion

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The respondents of this information collection are spouses or former spouses of military members. The applicant submits a DD Form 2293 to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The information from the DD Form 2293 is used by DFAS in processing the applicant's request as authorized under 10 U.S.C. 1408. The DD Form 2293 was devised to standardize applications for payment under the Act. Information on the form is also used to determine the applicant's current status and contains statutory required certifications the applicant/former spouse must make when applying for payments.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 34), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve