

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-98-36 and should be submitted by September 17, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>3</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

##### **Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Match Number 1076)**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Computer Matching Program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct with HCFA.

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on

Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 966-2935 or writing to the Associate Commissioner, Office of Program Support, 4400 West High Rise, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Associate Commissioner for Program Support as shown above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (P.L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by describing the manner in which computer matching involving Federal agencies could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals. The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records.

It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain the Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements;
- (3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act.

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

##### **Notice of Computer Matching Program, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) with the Social Security Administration (SSA)**

##### A. Participating Agencies

SSA and HCFA.

##### B. Purpose of the Matching Program

To identify Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who have been admitted to certain public institutions. The program will thereby facilitate benefit reductions required under certain provisions of title XVI of the Social Security Act. The matching program is designed to identify individuals who could be subject to a reduced SSI benefit under statutory provisions mandating a reduced benefit rate in many cases for any month throughout which the eligible individual or his eligible spouse resides in a hospital, extended care facility, nursing home, or intermediate care facility receiving medicaid payments (with respect to such individual or spouse) under a State plan approved under title XIX of the Social Security Act. Under the matching program, SSA will obtain admission data provided to HCFA from skilled nursing facilities as that term is defined in section 1819 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-3). HCFA's skilled nursing facility admission data will help SSA enforce the aforementioned SSI benefit reduction provision.

##### C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Programs

Sections 1611(e)(1)(A) and (B), and 1631(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)(1)(A), 1382(e)(1)(B), and 1383(f)); 20 CFR 416.211.

##### D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program

On the basis of certain identifying information regarding SSI applicants and recipients as provided by SSA to HCFA, HCFA will provide SSA with electronic files containing skilled nursing facility admission and billing data from its Long Term Care—Minimum Data Set LTC/MDS 09-70-1516 system of records. SSA will then match the HCFA data with SSI payment information maintained in the Supplemental Security Income Record, SSA/OSR 09-60-0103 system of records.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**E. Inclusive Dates of the Match**

The matching program shall become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice for the program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 2873]

**Bureau of Political Military Affairs;  
Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: 60-day notice of proposed information collection; maintenance of records by registrants.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Political Military Affairs.

*Title of Information Collection:*

Maintenance of Records by Registrants.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Form Number:* None.

*Respondents:* Persons or business applying for defense trade export licenses or services.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 20 hours per person or business.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 100,000.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including

through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Comments regarding the collection listed in this notice or requests for copies of the proposed collection and supporting documents should be directed to Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

**Fernando Burbano,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 2872]

**Bureau of Intelligence and Research;  
Advisory Committee for the Study of  
Eastern Europe and the Independent  
States of the Former Soviet Union;  
Notice of Committee Renewal**

*I. Renewal of Advisory Committee.*

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. This advisory committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of State on funding for applications submitted for the Research and Training Program on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII). These applications are submitted in response to an annual, open competition among U.S. national organizations with interest and expertise administering research and training programs in the Russian, Eurasian, and East European fields. The program seeks to build and sustain U.S. expertise on these regions through support for advanced graduate training, language training, and postdoctoral research.

The committee includes representatives of the Secretaries of Defense and Education, the Librarian of Congress, and the Presidents of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the Association of American Universities. The Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research chairs the advisory committee for the Secretary of State. The committee meets at least annually to recommend grant policies and recipients.

For further information, please call: Michelle Staton, INR/RES, U.S. Department of State, (202) 736-4155.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

**Kenneth E. Roberts,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. OST 98-4025]

**Request for Public Comment on  
Competitive Issues Affecting the  
Domestic Airline Industry**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Federal Aviation Administration, United States Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 13, 1998, the Department of Transportation opened a public docket to receive information from interested parties on airport practices and their implications for competition among air carriers. Parties wishing to file comments with the Department were given until September 1, 1998. By this notice, the Department is extending the time period for public comment from September 1, 1998, until December 30, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by December 30, 1998. Comments that are received after that date will be considered only to the extent possible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information on the scope of the Department's study or the name of the individual in DOT who is in the best position to answer your questions, please contact either James New (202-366-4868) or Larry Phillips (202-366-4382). A copy of this Notice can be obtained via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.dot.gov/ost/aviation/>. Comments placed in the docket will be available for viewing on the Internet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department recently published a request for public comment on competitive issues affecting the domestic airline industry (63 FR 37612, July 13, 1998). In that request, we asked parties to provide us with detailed information on 14 specific issues that focus on airport practices and their impact on airline competition. Based on an August 6 petition of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) to extend the comment period, as well as correspondence from the Airports