

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 50 annual burden hours. 100 respondents  $\times$  .50 hrs. per respondent per year.

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If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 514-1590.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review; Extension of a currently approved collection; Reports of Suspicious Orders or Theft/Loss of Listed Chemicals/Machines.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on July 20, 1998, allowing for a 60-day public comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment until October 26, 1998. This

process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, D.C. 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to (202) 514-1590.

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Reports of Suspicious Orders or Theft/Loss of Listed Chemical/Machines.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form No.: None.

*Applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

*Primary:* Business or other for-profit.

*Other:* Individuals or households.

*Abstract:* Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 amends DEA's chemical recordkeeping and reporting requirements to remove the exemption for certain drugs which contain ephedrine. Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 removed the exemption for combination ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine drug products. Person who previously were not required to keep records or make reports regarding sales of these products now must do so.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 2,000 reporters. 2 responses per year  $\times$  10 minutes per response = 680 hrs. 100 recordkeepers. 100 hours per recordkeeper = 10,000 hrs.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 10,680 annual burden hours.

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