

expansion of the Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone, as specified in maps accompanying that agreement. The expanded Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone, like the original Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone, encompasses areas under the customs control of the respective Governments. In addition, the Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan agreed that merchandise may enter the expanded Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone without payment of duty or excise taxes. The expanded Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone accordingly meets the criteria under paragraphs 9(e) (1) and (2) of the FTA Act.

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the President in Proclamation 6955, the United States Trade Representative hereby designates the Gateway Projects Industrial Zone and the expanded Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as qualifying industrial zones under section 9 of the FTA Act, effective upon the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 15, 1999.

**Charlene Barshefsky,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 7, 1998, (63 FR 67504).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 19, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith Street, ABC-100; Federal Aviation Administration; 800 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20591; Telephone number (202) 267-9895.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

*Title:* Simulator Rule/14 CFR part 142, Certificated Training Centers.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0570.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Approximately 50 Businesses.

*Abstract:* To determine compliance, there is a need for airmen to maintain records of certain training and regency of experience. There is a need for training centers to maintain records of students trained, employee qualification and training, and training program approvals. Information is used to determine compliance with airmen certification and testing to ensure safety.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 6,000.

*Addressee:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

*Comments are Invited on:* whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 15, 1999.

**Vanester M. Williams,**

*Clearance Officer, Department of Transportation.*

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**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 19, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca M. Boyd, Office of Financial Approvals, Maritime Administration, MAR-580, Room 8114, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone 202-366-5870 or FAX 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Maritime Administration (MARAD)

*Title:* Uniform Financial Reporting Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0005.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Vessel owners acquiring ships from MARAD on credit, companies chartering ships from MARAD, and companies having Title XI guarantee obligations.

*Form(s):* MA-172.

*Abstract:* The Uniform Financial Reporting Requirements are used as a basis for preparing and filing semiannual and annual financial statements with the Maritime Administration. Regulations requiring financial reports to the Maritime Administration are authorized by section 21, Shipping Act, 1916, as amended, and section 801, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended. The collected information is necessary for MARAD to determine compliance with regulatory and contractual requirements.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,090

*Addressee:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments are Invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;