

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection****Activities: Emergency Consideration Request**

In compliance with Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is requesting emergency consideration from OMB by June 30, 1999 of the information collection listed below.

Request for Information—0960-NEW. The information collected on this form will be used by SSA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to conduct periodic eligibility reviews of beneficiaries residing in foreign countries. The form is designed to replace the current time-consuming and expensive method of conducting these reviews by selecting sample cases and conducting in person interviews. The form will permit OIG to review all beneficiary residents of the foreign country under study, thereby narrowing the scope of the beneficiaries requiring in person visits to those who do not respond or to those who provide questionable evidence. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries residing in foreign countries.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 450 hours.

SSA is currently in the process of clearing this information collection under the normal OMB approval procedures, and published the first **Federal Register** Notice on May 27, 1999. However, time constraints associated with the normal clearance process will not permit SSA to complete this time-sensitive and mission-critical objective as mandated by the Inspector General Act.

SSA's OIG has responsibility for combating fraud, waste and abuse of SSA's programs. Accordingly, this information collection is designed to determine which beneficiaries residing in foreign countries pose the greatest risk of committing fraud against SSA programs. As a result, overpayments will be captured and corrected promptly, thereby minimizing the negative impact to SSA programs and the resulting public harm. To allow adequate time for review and planning purposes, responses to this form must be available to SSA's OIG prior to August 25, 1999. For this survey of foreign eligibility reviews investigators are scheduled to arrive on site on

August 30, 1999. Therefore, we are requesting emergency consideration from OMB of the information collection.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument and/or OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

(SSA Address)

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DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W.
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A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore,
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Dated: June 15, 1999.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice # 3064]

Public Notice; State Department Consultation With American Indigenous Groups

The Department of State will hold the fourth annual consultation between U.S. Government officials and federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, and other interested groups/parties to discuss issues of interest to indigenous groups and to provide tribal leaders with an update on progress on the United Nations (U.N.) and Organization of American States (OAS) draft declarations on indigenous rights. This event will build on annual consultations held since 1996 providing a regular forum for discussions between the Department of State and federally recognized tribes. The consultation, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 1999, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, July 14, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Department of State in Washington, DC.

The consultation will take place in the East Auditorium, Room 2925, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., on July 13, and 8:30 a.m. on July 14th, at the 21st Street entrance, the Department of State. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Those interested in attending or seeking additional information should contact Yvonne Thayer or Sarah Osmer by fax (202-647-0431) or phone (202-647-0293) in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor at the Department of State. To ensure that your name is on the list of participants,

please contact the Department of State no later than July 6, 1999.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

Harold Hongju Koh,

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Human Rights, and Labor Department of
State.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. WTO/DS-166]

**WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding
Regarding USA—Definitive Safeguard
Measures on Imports of Wheat Gluten**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is providing notice of the European Communities' ("EC") request for the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization ("WTO"). The EC challenges the United States' action in imposing temporary quantitative limitations on imports of wheat gluten in an effort to aid the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition. In this dispute the EC alleges that the United States' safeguard measure is inconsistent with certain obligations under the WTO Agreement on Safeguards ("Safeguards Agreement"), Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and the WTO Agreement on Agriculture ("Agriculture Agreement"). USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted by July 19, 1999, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Sandy McKinzy, Litigation Assistant, Office of Monitoring and Enforcement, Room 122, Attn: Wheat Gluten, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marjorie Florestal, Assistant General Counsel at (202) 395-3581 or Robert Cummings, Senior Economist at (202) 395-6127.