

19b-4(f)(6)<sup>8</sup> thereunder, in that it is designated by the Exchange as effecting a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for thirty days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange represents that it provided written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change 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 20549-0609. 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 in Washington, DC. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-Phlx-99-40 and should be submitted by December 7, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

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Deputy Secretary.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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

In compliance with Public Law 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 soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

I. The information collection listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collection would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of the notices. You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Benefits, Schedule SSA—0960-0606 (1999 edition). Schedule SSA is a form filed annually as part of a series of pension plan documents required by Section 6057 of the IRS Code. Administrators of pension benefit plans are required to report specific information on future plan benefits for those participants who left plan coverage during the year. SSA maintains the information until a claim for Social Security benefits has been approved. At that time, SSA notifies the beneficiary of his/her potential eligibility for payments from the private pension plan. The respondents are administrators of pension benefit plans or their service providers employed to prepare the Schedule SSA on behalf of the pension benefit plan.

Below are the estimates of the cost and hour burdens for completing and filing Schedule SSA(s). We have used an average to estimate the hour burden. However, the burden may be greater or smaller depending on whether the respondent is a large or small pension benefit plan and how many Schedule SSA's are filed in a given year.

*Number of Respondents:* 88,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Average Burden Per Respondent:* 2.5 hours.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 220,074 hours.

*Estimated Annual Cost Burden for All Respondents:* \$12,194,400.

II. The information collection listed below has been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed after this notice. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

Medical Use Report, 20 CFR 416.268-0960-0267. The information required by this regulation is used by the Social Security Administration to determine if an individual is entitled to special Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. The respondents are SSI receipts whose payments were stopped based on earnings.

*Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 3 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 3,000 hours.

(SSA Address), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

(OMB Address), Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Lori Schack, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3157]

### Exchange Visitor Designation Staff; Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension to an existing OMB clearance: "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status," J-1 Visa, 1405-0121.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-(f)(6).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).