

conditions specified in the April 6, 1998, notice.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 31136, and 31502; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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**Julie Anna Cirillo,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-6853]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before April 7, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Walker, Maritime Administration, MAR 810, 400 Seventh St., SW, Room 7209, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-8888, or FAX 202-366-6988.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Inventory of American Intermodal Equipment.

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0503.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2000.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The collection consists of an intermodal equipment inventory that provides data essential to both the government and the transportation industry in planning for the most efficient use of intermodal equipment.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information contained in the inventory provides data about U.S.-based companies that own or lease intermodal equipment and is essential to both government and industry in planning for contingency operations.

*Description of Respondents:* The report requests information from U.S. steamship and intermodal equipment leasing companies.

*Annual Responses:* 22.

*Annual Burden:* 66 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility; accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-6854]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) intentions to request approval for three years of an existing information collection entitled "Seamen's Claims; Administrative Action and Litigation."

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before April 7, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Otto A. Strassburg, Chief, Division of Marine Insurance, Office of Insurance and Shipping Analysis, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8117, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone number—202-366-4161. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Seamen's Claims; Administrative Action and Litigation.

*Type of Request:* Approval of an existing information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0522.

*Form Number:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from the date of approval.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The collection of information is obtained from claimants for death, injury or illness suffered while serving as officers or members of a crew employed on vessels as employees of the United States through the National Shipping Authority, Maritime Administration (MARAD), or successor.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information obtained will be evaluated by MARAD officials to determine if the claim is fair and reasonable. If the claim is allowed it is settled, a release is obtained from the claimant verifying consummation of the settlement, and payment is made to the claimant.

*Description of Respondents:* Officers or members of a crew who suffered death, injury, or illness while employed on vessels as employees of the United States through the National Shipping Authority, Maritime Administration, or successor. Also included in this description of respondents are surviving dependents, beneficiaries, and/or legal representatives of officers or crew members.

*Annual Responses:* 250 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 3,125 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., et. Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**Joel C. Richard,**  
*Secretary.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket No. BTS-2000-6845]

#### Request for OMB Clearance of an Information Collection; Customer Satisfaction Surveys

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget for an information collection, its Customer Satisfaction Surveys. Before submitting its request, BTS is publishing this notice to invite public comment on the continuing need and usefulness of BTS collecting this information.

**DATES:** You must submit your written comments by April 7, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. BTS-2000-6845, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You only need to submit one copy. If you would like the Department to acknowledge receipt of the comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard with the following statement: Comments on Docket BTS-2000-6845. The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard and mail it back to you. If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the U.S. DOT Dockets Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information. This website can also be used to read comments received.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather M. Contrino, Office of Statistical Programs and Services, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone number 202/366-6584, email [heather.contrino@bts.gov](mailto:heather.contrino@bts.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Customer Satisfaction Surveys.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2139-0007.

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

*Needs and Uses:* Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, directs BTS to conduct surveys to determine the kind and quality of services and products our customers want and their level of satisfaction with existing services and products. BTS will use the information it collects to improve product development and service delivery and determine whether additional products and services are needed.

*Description of Survey Topics:* In 1998 and 1999, the BTS Customer Survey Program included two surveys—the Product Evaluation Survey (PES) and the Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS). The main objective of the PES was to give BTS a better understanding of the technical preferences and information needs of specific users. While it provided information on levels of customer satisfaction, the PES focused on products. The main objective of the CSS was to provide information about the overall satisfaction of BTS customers, the frequency of use of products and services, and specific information on how BTS is meeting various customer service criteria. Although the CSS addresses some product issues such as format compatibility and difficulty of use, those were not the main objectives of the survey.

In the next three years, BTS anticipates surveys in two areas—products and services. The product survey is a continuation of the CSS and PES and will sample the population of BTS customers who have ordered BTS products. The survey will obtain information on overall levels of customer satisfaction, technical preferences, and informational needs of customers. In addition, it will obtain feedback from customers on specific BTS products.

The services surveys will provide BTS with feedback on the services it provides to the general public and to other agencies in the Department of Transportation. Through these surveys, BTS will obtain feedback on the quality, completeness, utility, responsiveness, and timeliness of its Statistical Information Line, National Transportation Library, website, and BTS-sponsored workshops.

*Burden Statement:* The total annual respondent burden estimate is 1,665 hours. The number of respondents and average burden hour per response will vary with each survey.

*Public Comments Invited:* BTS requests comments regarding any aspect of this information collection,

including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BTS will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice in its request for OMB clearance.

**Susan Lapham,**

*Acting Associate Director for Statistical Programs and Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Gerling Global Reinsurance Corporation of America

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 12 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1999 Revision, published July 1, 1999, at 64 FR 35864.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable reinsurer on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1998 Revision, on page 35895 to reflect this addition: *Gerling Global Reinsurance Corporation of America. Business address: 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Phone: (212) 754-7500. Underwriting Limitation b/: \$34,265,000. Incorporated in: New York.*

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at