

its corresponding acronym, or (2) other appropriate identification as a System institution. Relevant statutory and regulatory designations, and their corresponding acronyms, are as follows:

- Agricultural Credit Bank or ACB.
- Bank for Cooperatives or BC.
- Farm Credit Bank or FCB.
- Agricultural Credit Association or ACA.
- Production Credit Association or PCA.
- Federal Land Credit Association or FLCA.
- Federal Land Bank Association or FLBA.

Other *appropriate identification* as a System institution includes the following:

- Farm Credit Services.
- Farm Credit.
- FCS.
- A member of the Farm Credit System.

Misleading names are those that a reasonable person might find confusing. For example, we would not issue a charter to an institution requesting a name that is the same as or similar to that of an existing institution because the public might find this confusing. Merely avoiding identical names is not enough; to minimize confusion, a proposed name must sufficiently distinguish an institution from other institutions. If the Agency had approved a charter for an institution using MyTown, ACA, as its official name, it would not issue a charter for an institution proposing ACA of MyTown or MyTown Farm Credit Services, ACA, as its official name. Nor would we issue a charter with the phrase "farm credit association" as part of the official name, because the inevitable use of the acronym "FCA" would be confused with the name of the Agency. Also, we would not approve a name for an institution that could cause the public to confuse that institution's authorities and services with those of a commercial bank, thrift institution, or credit union. For example, we would not issue a charter to a System institution requesting the term "national bank" in its official name because this could cause confusion regarding the services the institution may offer.

Trade Names

A System institution may use a trade name. The trade name may not be misleading. If an institution uses a trade name, it must use both the official and trade names in all written communications.

Related Issues

If an ACA and its subsidiaries operate under substantially different names,

they must clearly identify the parent/subsidiary relationship in all written communications. For example, if MyTown, PCA, is a subsidiary of EveryTown, ACA, the PCA must identify itself as a subsidiary of the parent ACA in its written communications.

Please note that while the FCA cannot reserve names, the Patent and Trademark Office will register names under certain conditions. When applying for a name change or new charter, System institutions should submit a statement indicating whether they have applied for a trademark in that name.

This statement addresses only FCA's policy. Other laws, such as Federal or state trademark laws, may apply. Institutions should ensure that their official and trade names do not infringe the trademarks or service marks of other companies. Institutions may wish to consult legal counsel to determine whether their proposed names could be challenged or protected under state or federal law.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2000 by order of the Board.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Nan P. Mitchem,

Acting Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 011691-001.

Title: The COSCON/KL/YMUK Mediterranean/U.S. East and Gulf Coast Vessel Sharing Agreement.

Parties:

Cosco Container Lines
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.
Yangming (U.K.)Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed modification specifically authorized Cosco to subcharter space it receives from the other two parties to Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 011708.

Title: Zim/COSCON Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties:

Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd.
COSCO Container Lines Co. Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement would permit the parties to charter space to one another and enter into related cooperative arrangements in the trade between United States East Coast ports and ports in countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea and inland points via all of the above ports. The parties request expedited review.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

May 2, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 9, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it

difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0368.

Title: Section 97.523, Question Pools.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Time Per Response: 96 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 288 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The recordkeeping requirement contained in Section 97.523 is necessary to permit question pools used in preparing amateur examinations to be maintained by Volunteer-Examiner Coordinators (VECs). These question pools must be published and made available to the public before the questions are used in an examination. The recordkeeping requirement contained in Section 97.523 is being revised to reflect a change to rule section 97.503(b) which resulted in a reduction in the number of written amateur operator examination elements from five to three as adopted in the Report and Order in WT Docket 98-143.

The information maintained by the VEC's is used to prepare amateur examinations. If this information were not maintained, the amateur examination program would deteriorate and become outdated. These examinations would not adequately measure the qualifications of the applicants.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

April 28, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 9, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999. Enforcement Procedures for Retransmission Consent Violations Conforming to Section 325(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 8.
Estimate Time Per Response: 2 hours.
Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 192 hours.
Total Annual Costs: \$1,296.

Needs and Uses: Congress directed the FCC to adopt regulations that enforce procedures for retransmission consent violations to satellite carriers pursuant to the changes outlined in the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 (SHVIA). The availability of such information will serve the purpose of informing the public of the method of broadcast signal carriage.

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.
Title: Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI).

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.
Estimate Time Per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement; Third party disclosure

Total Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.
Total Annual Costs: None.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is needed to collect, search, and rescue information about each vessel issued a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI). An MMSI is a unique nine-digit number which functions similar to a "phone number" for contacting a specific vessel. Upon receiving a distress alert containing an MMSI, authorities such as the U.S. Coast Guard may use the MMSI to find out background information about the vessel, e.g., the owner's name, intended route, and other radio equipment on board, and to help determine whether the alert is false. Thus, an accurate MMSI database can help to protect lives and property at sea by reducing the time it takes to locate vessels in distress.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 10:0 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC