

for approving the proposed rule change prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice of filing thereof. The Commission believes that it is appropriate to approve on an accelerated basis the one year extension of the Service, until October 9, 2001, to ensure the continuous operation of the Service, which is set to expire on October 9, 2000.

It is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁵ that the proposed rule change (SR-NASD-00-51) is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S2 covers the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Notice is given that Subchapter S2R, the Office of Central Operations is being amended to reflect the establishment of the Center for Security and Integrity S2RC6 under the Associate Commissioner for Central Operations. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S2R.10 *The Office of Central Operations*—(Organization):

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Central Operations (OCO) (S2R).

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC):

Establish:

f. The Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6).

Section S2R.20 *The Office of Central Operations*—(Functions):

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, OCO (S2R).

2. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for International Operations (S2RE).

a. The Division of International Operations (DIO) (S2RE1):

Delete the eleventh sentence, i.e., "It designs and conducts validation and other special studies to foster integrity

in the Social Security program overseas."

Section TGB.10 *The Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics*—(Organization):

Retitle:

D. The "Publications Staff" to the "Division of Information Resources" (TGBB).

E. The "Division of Program Analysis" to the "Division of Program Studies" (TGBC).

H. The "Division of Retirement, Survivors, Disability Insurance Research Statistics" to the "Division of RSDI Statistics and Analysis" (TGBH).

I. The "Division of SSI Analysis/Management Statistical Support" to the "Division of SSI Statistics and Analysis" (TGBJ).

J. The "Disability Research Staff" to the "Division of Disability Research" (TGBK).

Establish:

K. The Division of Policy Evaluation (TGBL).

Section TGB.20 *The Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics*—(Functions):

Amend in its entirety:

A. The Associate Commissioner for Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (TGB) is directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner, Policy, for carrying out ORES' mission, and providing general supervision to the major components of ORES.

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner for Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (TGB) assists the Associate Commissioner in carrying out his/her responsibilities and performs other duties the Associate Commissioner may prescribe.

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (TGBA) provides the Associate Commissioner and Deputy Associate Commissioner with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities and helps coordinate the activities of ORES components.

D. The Division of Information Resources (TGBB).

1. Organizes, presents, and disseminates research and statistical studies in both printed and electronic forms.

2. Maintains the Office of Policy information resource facilities; i.e., library and website.

E. The Division of Program Studies (TGBC).

1. Plans, conducts, and publishes the results of cross-national data collection and research on social security programs worldwide.

2. Monitors both public and private-sector programs within the United

States and presents results in a number of recurrent publications.

F. The Division of Economic Research (TGBE).

1. Plans, directs, and executes issue-oriented research to provide information about relationships between Social Security programs and the economy.

2. Interprets changing demographic and economic trends as they relate to the broad field of economic security and to overall economic and social policy.

3. Studies such major areas as: Social Security financing, economic impacts of Social Security, income maintenance, effects of Social Security on lifetime income redistribution, alternative measures of income adequacy, and labor market and retirement behavior.

G. The Division of Earnings Statistics and Analysis (TGBG).

1. Prepares statistical data pertaining to employment, earnings, and employer classification for public release and for SSA publications. Analyzes these data with emphasis on demographic, economic, social, and program characteristics. These data are used to support policy formulation and evaluation activities within SSA; to inform the public about employment and earnings; and to serve as the basis for research by other Federal, State, and local government agencies, universities, and private research organizations.

2. Manages a comprehensive program for the construction of datasets from survey data and extracts from SSA administrative records for SSA components, other government agencies, and individual researchers, both government and private. Plans and executes interagency and reimbursable agreements to facilitate the sharing of data.

H. The Division of RSDI Statistics and Analysis (TGBH).

1. Prepares statistical data pertaining to Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) beneficiary and payment provisions of the Social Security Act. Analyzes these data with emphasis on demographic, economic, social, and program characteristics. The statistics and analyses are used to support policy formulation and evaluation activities within SSA; to inform the public about the OASDI program; and to serve as the basis for research by other Federal, State, and local government agencies, universities, and private research organizations.

I. The Division of SSI Statistics and Analysis (TGBJ).

1. Plans, coordinates, and directs the preparation of Supplemental Security Income provisions of title XVI of the Social Security Act. Analyzes these data with emphasis on demographic,

¹⁵ *Id.*

economic, social, and program characteristics. These data are used to support program and legislative planning; serve as important sources for program evaluation, research, and administrative information within SSA; and serve as the basis for research by other Federal, State, and local government agencies, universities, and private research organizations.

J. The Division of Disability Research (TGBK).

1. Plans, directs and implements a wide range of studies and analyses, utilizing data from surveys and administrative records, on the national disabled population, disability applicants, and disability beneficiaries.

2. Develops research in response to disability program issues.

3. Provides a wide variety of management statistical services to SSA operating and policy components.

K. The Division of Policy Evaluation (TGBL).

1. Ensures that SSA's policy evaluation research is technically appropriate, professionally sound, policy relevant, and timely.

2. Plans, directs, and implements a wide variety of research and policy evaluation activities centered upon programs, policies, potential policy changes and the impact on current and future beneficiaries and programs costs.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA (Social Security Administration/Office of Personnel Management (OPM)) Match Numbers 1005, 1019, 1020, 1021

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of computer matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct with OPM.

DATES: SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 966-2935 or writing to the Associate Commissioner, Office of Program Support, 2-Q-16 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Program Support as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by describing the manner in which computer matching involving Federal agencies could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals. The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records.

It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements;

(3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Susan M. Daniels,

Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and OPM.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

This matching program will have four separate components. The purposes of each of these parts are as follows:

SSA Match 1005: OPM records will be used in a matching program where SSA will match OPM's data with SSA's records to verify the accuracy of information furnished by applicants and recipients concerning eligibility factors for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Special Veterans' Benefits (SVB) programs. The SSI program provides payments to individuals who have income and resources below levels established by law and regulations, and the SVB program provides special benefits to certain World War II veterans.

SSA Match 1019: SSA will match OPM's records of civil service disability benefit and payment data with SSA's records of Social Security disability insurance beneficiaries whose benefits should be reduced under the Social Security Act because the disabled worker is receiving a civil service disability annuity benefit. SSA will match the OPM data to verify information provided (or identify such information that should have been provided) by the disabled worker at the time of initially applying for Social Security benefits and on a continuous basis to ensure any reduction in Social Security disability benefits is based on the current civil service disability benefit amount.

SSA Match 1020: OPM records will be used in a matching program where SSA will match OPM's civil service benefit and payment data with SSA's records for disabled and retired annuitants. These annuitants may be subject to the use of a modified benefit computation formula used by SSA under the Social Security Act for certain persons who receive both a civil service benefit and a Social Security retirement or disability benefit. SSA will use the OPM data to verify the pension or annuity information provided (or identify such information that should have been provided) directly to SSA by the retirees/annuitants.