

“clarifies that the taker must reimburse the maker for expenses for making the grain available for load-out when loading and shipping instructions are canceled prior to load-out.”

- Permit delivery in minimum increments of 5,000 bushels, rather than 55,000 bushels. The CBT states that, “If the taker can issue shipping certificates in any multiple of 5,000 bushels and not be restricted to making initial deliveries in multiples of 55,000 bushels, the delivery process will be simplified and made more flexible.” Furthermore, the “concern that less than barge load quantities would be left outstanding is minimized” by the proposed requirement that a shipper with fewer than a barge-load quantity of certificates outstanding must quote a market rate for buying back the certificates or selling a sufficient quantity of certificates to make up a barge load.

- New requirement that shippers provide a market quote for buying or selling shipping certificates should the number of shipping certificates at the shipping station fall below eleven certificates (55,000 bushels or one barge load). The CBT states that the proposal “increases merchandising opportunities of outstanding shipping certificates for the taker.” The CBT also notes that, “if the shipper does not wish to be obligated to buy back shipping certificates or provide the balance for loadout, he may decide to maintain at least eleven shipping certificates outstanding at a shipping station.”

The Commission is requesting comments on the proposed amendments. In particular, the Commission requests that commenters address the extent to which the proposals reflect commercial practices, and their potential impact on deliverable supplies for the corn and soybeans futures contracts.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet at secretary@cftc.gov.

Other materials submitted by the Exchange in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission’s regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials

should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission’s headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the Exchange, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 6, 2000.

Richard Shilts,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Manpower Data Center (Personnel Testing Division), ATTN: Dr. Harley Baker, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (831) 583-2400.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: High School Career Development Questionnaire, 0704—[To be determined]

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to increase the utilization of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) in the nation’s high schools. At no cost to the schools, the CEP provides age-appropriate materials to support high school career counseling and aids in the process of identifying interested students who meet the qualifications for entrance into the nation’s Armed Forces. While the CEP is utilized in about 14,000 schools nationwide serving about 850,000 students, this represents only about 13% of the school population. This brief questionnaire study will provide the information needed to modify the CEP to make it more useful both for the schools and the students they serve and for DoD recruiting efforts.

Affected public: Not-for-profit educational institutions.

Annual burden hours: 722.

Number of respondents: 2,166.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Average burden per response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: Other: One-time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This one-time study will employ a brief questionnaire to help document why schools elect to participate in the ASVAB program. The questionnaire will be sent to approximately 3,050 schools, with an expected response rate of about 70%. This study will employ the sampling plan developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for their School and Staffing Survey. The information is needed to determine what changes could be made in the ASVAB program to increase its effectiveness in high school career counseling and thus increase its utilization in the schools. The questionnaire focuses on several issues, such as the types of career development programs used in the schools, their strengths and weaknesses, barriers to wider implementation of these programs, and the career development needs of high school students. For those schools that use the CEP, we will ask questions about why they elect to use the ASVAB program, whether

participation could be increased among college-bound students, potential ASVAB internet administration, and whether ASVAB personnel negatively affect participation. For nonparticipating schools, we will also ask why they elect not to use the ASVAB program, and to what extent logistical problems, anti-military sentiment, poor fit with school goals, and poor fit with student goals have influenced their decision not to use the ASVAB program. Results will be merged with data collected as part of the NCES School and Staffing Survey to provide a more complete understanding of the reasons schools elect to participate in the CEP. The results of this study will be reported internally to the ASVAB Career Exploration Program and to the appropriate DoD committees and agencies, as well as to the Congressionally-mandated oversight committee. It is anticipated that the

results will be of primary interest to those involved in the marketing of the ASVAB program, as well as members of the recruiting community. Only aggregated data will be reported; no individual or school names will be included in the results.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 00-68]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 00-68 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

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