

3. Billing summary data includes bill due date, bill amount, biller information, biller representation of account number, and the various status indicators (scheduled, in progress, etc.). This information is stored on magnetic tape for two (2) years from the date of processing.

4. At the end of each record retention period, the data on tape is destroyed by over-recording.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington DC 20260-5130.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals wanting to know whether information about them is maintained in this system of records must address inquiries in writing to the system manager(s). Inquiries must contain name and address or other identifying information.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and the Postal Service Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.6.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Notification Procedures and Record Access Procedures above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information is furnished by record subjects and billers.

**Stanley F. Mires,**

*Chief Counsel, Legislative.*

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**Privacy Act of 1974, System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** This document publishes notice of a new Privacy Act system of records, USPS 050.080, Finance Records-Suspicious Transaction Reports. The new system contains personal information about postal customers who purchase or receive money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards in a manner considered to be suspicious according to the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. 5311 *et seq.*

**DATES:** Any interested party may submit written comments on the new system of

records. This system will become effective without further notice February 5, 2001 unless comments received on or before this date result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this notice should be mailed or delivered to Finance Administration/FOIA, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, RM 8141, Washington, DC 20260-5202. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Henry Gibson (202) 268-4203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service will collect and maintain information about some of its customers to meet one of the requirements of the Federal Bank Secrecy Act. That law is designed to detect and deter money laundering. The intent of the law is to require banks and money services businesses to obtain, maintain, and/or report to the Department of Treasury certain identifying information about individuals who purchase financial instruments in a manner that raises a good faith suspicion of violation of laws and regulations dealing with money laundering pursuant to the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act. The Postal Service is named as an entity that must comply with that law (31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2)(V)). The Postal Service will maintain information about a purchaser of money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards if a Postal Service employee knows, or has a good faith reason to believe, that the purchaser is involved in activity that might be in violation of law or regulation. The Postal Service is establishing this group of records as a system of records subject to the Privacy Act.

Computer and printed records are maintained in a secured computer complex, with physical, administrative, and software controls. Access to areas within the complex where these records are maintained is restricted with card keys. Access within the area is further restricted to authorized personnel with an official need to know.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, or arguments on this notice. A report of the following proposed system has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluation.

**USPS 050.080**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Finance Records-Suspicious Transaction Reports, 050.080

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Finance, Headquarters, and St. Louis BSA Support Group, St. Louis, Missouri.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Postal Service customers who purchase money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards in a suspicious manner under the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. 5311, *et seq.*

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name, address, Social Security number, alien registration number, tax identification number, passport number, date of birth, photo identification number and type (*e.g.*, driver's license, passport, military ID), bank account number, and amount of transaction are collected on PS Form 8105-B. Regulations under the Bank Secrecy Act require that customer's identifying information, including the customer's Social Security number, be collected.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(1).

**PURPOSE(S):**

Under the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, the system will be used to obtain and maintain identifying information on Postal Service customers who purchase money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards in a manner raising a good faith suspicion of money laundering and to comply with the reporting requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:**

General routine use statements a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and j listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service's published system notices apply to this system. Other routine uses follow:

1. Information may be disclosed to the U.S. Department of Treasury, the U.S. Justice Department, and federal law enforcement agencies pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Bank Secrecy Act, as codified in section 5318 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code.

2. Information from this system may be disclosed to a foreign entity under agreement with the Postal Service to distribute money orders and transfer funds.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM STORAGE:**

Paper and computer storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

By name and other unique identifier.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Printed records and computers containing information within this system of records are maintained in a building with controlled access. To gain access to the building and access to controlled areas within the building, individuals must have authorized badges and/or card keys. Computer systems are protected with an installed security software package, the use of computer log-on IDs, and operating system controls.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

PS Forms 8105-B will be destroyed either by shredding, burning, or other acceptable method of destruction five (5) years from the end of the accounting period in which they were created. Related automated information will be retained for the same period and purged from the system quarterly after the date of creation.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief Financial Officer, Finance, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-5000.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

While the Privacy Act provides for the release of certain information, the portion of the Bank Secrecy Act dealing with suspicious activity states a financial institution (in this case the Postal Service) may not notify any person involved in the suspicious transaction that the transaction has been reported (31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(2)). Therefore, it would be contrary to the statutory mandates concerning collection of this information to provide notification thereof. It is the Postal Service's understanding that the "non-notification" clause in the Bank Secrecy Act supercedes the provision for the release of information in the Privacy Act. Therefore, this system has been exempted from the notification, access, and amendment requirements of the Privacy Act by regulation set out as 39 CFR 266.9.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

See Notification Procedure above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Notification Procedures above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information resident in this system of records is provided through transaction analysis and by postal employees in accordance with the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act.

**SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

The Postal Service has established regulations at 39 CFR 266.9 that exempt information contained in this system of records from various provisions of the Privacy Act in order to conform to the prohibition in the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(2), against notification of the individual that a suspicious transaction has been reported.

**Stanley F. Mires,**

*Chief Counsel, Legislative.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

*Extension:* Industry Guides, SEC File No. 270-69, OMB Control No. 3235-0069; Notice of Exempt Roll-Up Preliminary Communication, SEC File No. 270-396, OMB Control No. 3235-0452.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Industry Guides are used by registrants in certain specified industries as disclosure guidelines in preparing Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") registration statements as well as other Exchange Act filings. The Commission estimates for administrative purposes only, that the total annual burden with respect to the Industry Guides is one hour. The Industry Guides do not directly impose any disclosure burden.

A Notice of Exempt Preliminary Roll-Up Communication ("Notice") is required to be filed by a person making

such a communication by Exchange Act Rules 14a-2(b)(4) and 14a-6(a). The Notice provides public information regarding the person's ownership interest and any potential conflicts of interest. The Notice takes approximately .25 hours per response and is filed by 4 respondents for a total of 1 annual burden hour.

Written 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 13, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Amex Rule 108, Priority and Parity at Openings**

December 18, 2000.

On April 28, 1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") a proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> relating to Amex Rule 108, Priority and Parity at Openings. On July 13, 1999, the Amex filed an amendment to the

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.