

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Request and
Comment Request**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: SSA Reports Clearance Officer, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to her at the address listed above.

**1. Government Pension
Questionnaire—0960-0160**

The Social Security Act and Regulations provide that an individual receiving spouse's benefits and concurrently receiving a Government pension, based on the individual's own earnings, may have the Social Security benefit amount reduced by two-thirds of the pension amount. The data collected on Form SSA-3885 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine if the individual's Social Security benefit will be reduced, the amount of reduction, the effective date of the reduction and if one of the exceptions in 20 CFR 404.408a applies. The respondents are individuals who are receiving (or will receive) Social

Security spouse's benefits and also receive their own Government pension.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 12.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,250 hours.

**2. Application for Benefits Under a U.S.
International Social Security
Agreement—0960-0448**

The information collected on form SSA-2490 is used by SSA to determine a claimant's eligibility for U.S. Social Security benefits under the provisions of an international social security agreement. It is also used to take an application for benefits from a foreign country under an agreement. The respondents are individuals who are applying for benefits from either the United States and/or a foreign country with which the United States has an agreement. The United States currently has 17 such agreements.

Number of Respondents: 22,000.

Frequency of response: 1.

Average Burden per response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,000 hours.

**3. Request for Workers' Compensation/
Public Disability Information—0960-
0098**

Form SSA-1709 is used by SSA to request and/or to verify information about worker's compensation or public disability benefits given to Social Security disability insurance benefit recipients so that their monthly benefit adjustments are properly made. The respondents are State and local governments and/or businesses that administer workers' compensation or other disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 140,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 35,000 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-0454, or by writing to her at the address listed above.

**1. Authorization To Obtain Earnings
Data From the Social Security
Administration—0960-0602**

The information requested on Form SSA-581 is necessary for identification

of the earnings record, verification of the signature authorizing access to the earnings record and for disposition of the response. The respondents are individuals and various private/public organizations/agencies that need detailed earnings information.

Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

**2. Statement Regarding Contributions—
0960-0020**

Form SSA-783 is used to make a determination and obtain information about the source of support for a child applicant who must meet a dependency requirement for entitlement to benefits. The respondents are persons giving information about a child's sources of support for entitlement to child's benefits.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 17 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,500 hours.

**3. Online Authentication Information
Collection Form—TEST—0960—NEW
Background**

The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 directed federal agencies to develop electronic service delivery instruments as an alternative to traditional paper based methods. The Social Security Administration plans to expand its Internet services to enable citizens to complete the application process as well as to process their requests for post-entitlement transactions online. A major requirement for filing applications and for processing transactional requests is SSA's ability to adequately authenticate the citizen. SSA cannot disclose information unless it is under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. Because these transactions will be taking place online, SSA must authenticate citizens by asking for information that would positively identify the requester of the information as the proper party. This information will be validated against identifying information residing in databases outside of SSA. SSA will conduct a test of the Treasury Department's "Pay.Gov" authentication engine as a possible tool for out-of-band authentication.

The Collection

The Social Security Administration will use the data collected on the Online

Authentication Information Collection Form—TEST, to evaluate the Treasury Department's Pay.Gov authentication engine as a possible tool for SSA to validate out-of-band online applicants. The respondents for this test are members of the general public who elect to complete the form for testing.

Number of Respondents: 161.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 13 hours.

Dated: March 11, 2002.

Liz Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3914]

Advisory Committee on Law Applicable to Securities Intermediaries; Meeting Notice

The Study Group on International Securities Transactions of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on proposed multilateral treaty rules determining what laws are applicable to securities intermediaries, including the law applicable to dispositions of securities held through holding systems.

The drafting of such rules has been undertaken on a fast-track basis by the Hague Conference on Private International Law, an intergovernmental body on which the United States is represented. The meeting will provide an opportunity for public comment on the revised draft rules and will facilitate preparation of United States positions on whether to support a final meeting to conclude this process in the fall of 2002.

Subject to availability of time, the meeting will review relevant developments involving dematerialization and immobilization of securities, transfers of interest, and the role of multiple indirect and direct holding systems. A www site below contains the draft provisions. The proposed scope of the applicable law treaty regime is set out in Articles 2 and 3, rules on location relevant to determining applicable law in Article 4, rules deferring to insolvency law in Article 5, rules for countries with more than one system of law in Articles 9 and 16, and transition rules in Article 17.

Time permitting, the start up of a new project to be undertaken by UNIDROIT,

a separate intergovernmental body, on the preparation of uniform substantive rules on transfer of interests by securities intermediaries, as well as clearance and settlement, will be discussed.

Documentation: The basic study by the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference, "Law applicable to disposition of securities held through indirect holding systems", and current revised draft rules are obtainable at www.hcch.net. Commentators unable to retrieve these documents may request them from the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law (L/PIL) by contacting Rosie Gonzales at 202-776-8420, by fax 202-776-8482, or by e-mail at pilddb@his.com.

Attendance: The public is invited to attend up to the capacity of the meeting room and may participate subject to the rulings of the chair. The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, 33 Liberty Street. Since access to the building is controlled, persons wishing to attend must, prior to c.o.b. Friday, March 22, notify Audrey Watson, New York Federal Reserve Bank, of their name, address, contact numbers, and affiliation, at 212-720-8403, or by fax 212-720-1756. For additional information on the draft convention, contact Joyce Hansen, Sr. Vice President, New York Federal Reserve Bank at the above numbers, and for information on the law harmonization work of the Hague Conference and UNIDROIT, contact Harold Burman, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202-776-8421; fax 202 776-8482.

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Executive Director, Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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Establishment of the DOT Electronic Transmission and Storage of Drug Testing Information Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation is establishing the Department of Transportation (DOT)

Electronic Transmission and Storage of Drug Testing Information Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to recommend to the Department the type and level of electronic security that should be used for the transmission and storage of drug testing information generated as part of the DOT drug and alcohol testing program regulated by 40 CFR part 40 (65 FR 79462). Additionally, the Committee may examine and provide advice to the DOT related to the format and methodology used in transmitting this type of information as well as the levels and procedures to use in implementing electronic signature technology within the context of the drug and alcohol program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Shatinsky, Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance (ODAPC), Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, (202) 366-3784, fax (202) 366-3897 or Roberta Fede, Committee Management Officer, Executive Secretariat, Department of Transportation, (202) 366-9764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2001, the Secretary of Transportation approved establishment of the Electronic Transmission and Storage of Drug Testing Information Advisory Committee. After consultation with the General Services Administration as required by section 9(a)(2) of FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Secretary certifies that he has determined that the establishment of the Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the DOT by law and specifically by the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991.

The committee will be composed of approximately 20 members appointed by the Secretary from interested parties within the public. The Committee's members will be chosen to ensure a fairly balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints, expertise, and backgrounds. Representation will include the technical and computer industry, drug testing laboratories, medical review officers (MRO), labor, trade and labor associations, and employers. The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Department related to the level and type of electronic security that the Department should require in the use of electronic transmission and storage of drug testing information. Additionally, the