

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activity. Before submitting these information collection requirements (ICRs) for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than June 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0517." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6068 or (202) 493-6170, or E-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov, or to Ms. Deal at debra.steward@fra.dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for

reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(I)(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(I)(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of the currently approved information collection activity that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title and Form Number: Supplemental Qualifications Statement for Railroad Safety Inspector Applicants, FRAF-120.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0517.

Abstract: The Supplemental Qualifications Statement for Railroad Safety Inspector Applicants is an information collection instrument used by FRA to gather additional background data so that FRA can evaluate the qualifications of applicants for the position of Railroad Safety Inspector. The questions cover a wide range of general and specialized skills, abilities, and knowledge of the five types of railroad safety inspector positions.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000 Applicants.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 6,000 hours.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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Dian Deal,

Acting Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice for Ferryboat Operators that Receive Federal Transit Funds.

ACTION: Notice of interpretation.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is eliminating duplicative controlled substance and alcohol misuse testing requirements for ferry operations that receive Federal transit funding under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309, or 5311. Those ferry operations that are simultaneously subject to FTA drug and alcohol regulations at 49 CFR part 655 and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) chemical testing regulations at 46 CFR parts 4 and 16 and alcohol testing requirements at 46 CFR subpart 4.06 and 33 CFR part 95 will be deemed in concurrent compliance with the testing requirements of 49 CFR part 655 when they comply with the USCG's chemical and alcohol testing requirements. However, those ferry operations will remain subject to FTA's random alcohol testing requirement because the USCG does not have a similar requirement.

DATES: This notice is effective April 22, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: For questions regarding this notice, contact Mark Snider, Office of Safety and Security, telephone 202-366-1080, fax 202-366-7951, or Bruce Walker, Office of the Chief Counsel, telephone 202-366-4011, fax 200-366-3809, FTA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FTA and the USCG are modal administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and each is required to issue drug and alcohol regulations with which ferryboat systems must comply. Many of the testing requirements are substantially similar; however, the USCG does not have a requirement for random alcohol testing. Since the USCG has oversight over maritime operations, including ferryboats, it is prudent to eliminate duplicative drug and alcohol testing requirements by two DOT modal administrations.

FTA has determined that ferry operations that receive Federal transit funds and comply with the USCG chemical testing and alcohol testing requirements at 46 CFR parts 4 and 16, and 33 CFR part 95 will be in concurrent compliance with the controlled substance testing requirements of 49 CFR part 655. The ferry operators will also be in concurrent compliance with most of FTA's alcohol testing requirements; however, they are required to continue to comply with FTA's random alcohol testing requirements under 49 CFR part 655.45 because random alcohol testing is a statutory requirement for FTA recipients, and the USCG does not have a substantially similar provision.

Failure to comply with the USCG's chemical testing regulations may result in an FTA determination of noncompliance with 49 CFR part 655, which can lead to the suspension of eligibility for Federal transit funding. Subpart G of 49 CFR part 655 will also be applicable to a covered employee (1) with a verified positive drug test result, (2) who has a confirmed alcohol test result of 0.04 or greater, or (3) who refuses to submit to a test. It is important to note that FTA's interpretive guidance permits the relevant Coast Guard testing requirements to satisfy FTA testing requirements; however, FTA is not waiving regulatory authority over ferry operators that receive Federal transit funds.

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Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comment Requests**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a new information collection that is proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form BQ-3, Report of Maturities of Selected Liabilities of Depository Institutions, Brokers and Dealers to Foreigners.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 21, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5457 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington DC 20220. In view of delays in mail delivery due to recent events, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by e-mail (dwight.wolkow@do.treas.gov), FAX (202-622-7448) or telephone (202-622-1276).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are available on the Treasury's TIC Forms webpage, <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.htm>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Treasury International Capital Form BQ-3, Report of Maturities of Selected Liabilities of Depository Institutions, Brokers and Dealers to Foreigners.

OMB Control Number: NEW.

Abstract: Form BQ-3 is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 C.F.R. 128) and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BQ-3 is a quarterly report designed to capture, by instrument and on an aggregate basis, remaining maturities of all U.S. dollar and foreign currency liabilities (excluding securities) of U.S. resident banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers vis-à-vis foreign residents. This information is necessary for meeting international data reporting standards and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

Current Actions: This proposed new form is necessary to meet recently expanded international standards for reporting data on a country's liabilities vis-à-vis foreigners. (a) The new form will collect data on remaining maturities for borrowings, deposits and brokerage balances, and repurchase agreements and other liabilities, broken down by seven maturity bands. (b) Both U.S. dollar liabilities and foreign currency liabilities, excluding securities, will be reported on the new form. (c) The reporting panel will consist of all banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers that report on TIC Form BL-1 and/or TIC Form BQ-2, provided that the total of their own U.S. dollar liabilities from Form BL-1 plus their own foreign currency liabilities from Part 1 of Form BQ-2 is \$4 billion or more. (d) Bank Holding Companies and Financial Holding Companies (BHCs/FHCs) will each consolidate the BHC/FHC and all subsidiaries, OTHER THAN banking or broker or dealer subsidiaries, and file TIC Form CQ-1 (banks and brokers and dealers will continue to file TIC-B series reports). This treatment is designed to reduce reporting burdens since the TIC C reports are less detailed and are filed only quarterly. (e) Depository institutions, brokers and dealers will report most cross-border positions with affiliated foreigners (including affiliates of parent organizations) exclusive of positions in the form of long-term securities or derivative contracts. (f) The period of time a reporter has to submit reports once the exemption level is exceeded has been changed to the remainder of the current calendar year. (g) These changes will be effective as of February 28, 2003.

Type of Review: NEW.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations. Form BQ-3 (NEW)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Four (4) hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 880 hours, based on 4 reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning whether Form BQ-3 is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden