DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that, under the authority vested in me by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, I have redelegated to the Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, with the authority to further redelegate to the Director, Family Youth Services Bureau, the authority to approve/disapprove cooperative research or demonstration projects under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act, and as amended hereafter, when such projects pertain to abstinence education activities referenced in Public Law 108-447 at Title II, Division F.

This delegation excludes the authority to submit reports to Congress. Further, this delegation shall be exercised under the Department’s existing delegation and policy on regulations and under financial and administrative requirements applicable to all Administration for Children and Families authorities. In addition, where all or part of any research or demonstration project is wholly financed with Federal funds made available under section 1110 of the Social Security Act, without any State, local, or other non-Federal financial participation, that project must be approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

I have ratified any actions taken by the Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, or any other Administration on Children, Youth and Families officials, which, in effect, involved the exercise of this authority prior to the effective date of this delegation. This delegation was effective on the date of signature.

Dated: January 21, 2005.

Wade F. Horn,
Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2005N–0040]

Authorization of Emergency Use of Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed for Prevention of Inhalation Anthrax by Individuals at Heightened Risk of Exposure Due to Attack With Anthrax;

Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the issuance of an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) (the Authorization) for Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed (AVA) for prevention of inhalation anthrax for individuals between 18 and 65 years of age who are deemed by the Department of Defense (DoD) to be at heightened risk of exposure due to attack with anthrax. FDA is issuing this Authorization under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act), as requested by DoD. The Authorization contains, among other things, conditions on the emergency use of AVA. The Authorization follows the determination by DoD that there is a significant potential for a military emergency involving a heightened risk to U.S. military forces of attack with anthrax. On the basis of such determination, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson (the Secretary) declared an emergency justifying the authorization of the emergency use of AVA. The Authorization, which includes an explanation of the reasons for its issuance, is reprinted in this Notice.

DATES: The Authorization is effective as of January 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the Emergency Use Authorization to the Office of Counterterrorism Policy and Planning (HF–29), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request or include a fax number to which the Authorization may be sent. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the Authorization.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret O’K. Glavin, Office of Counterterrorism Policy and Planning (HF–29), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4067.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 564 of the act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3), as amended by the Project BioShield Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–276), allows FDA to strengthen the public health protections against biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological agents. Among other things, section 564 of the act allows FDA to authorize the use of an unapproved medical product or an unapproved use of an approved medical product during a declared emergency involving a heightened risk of attack on the public or U.S. military forces. With this EUA authority, FDA can help assure that medical countermeasure(s) may be used in an emergency to diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions caused by such agents, when there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives to protect the American people and the U.S. military.

Section 564(b)(1) of the act provides that, before an EUA may be issued, the Secretary must declare an emergency based on one of the following grounds:

(1) a determination by the Secretary of Homeland Security that there is a domestic emergency, or a significant potential for a domestic emergency, involving a heightened risk of attack with a specified biological, chemical, radiological, or nuclear agent or agents;

(2) a determination by the Secretary of Defense that there is a military emergency, or a significant potential for a military emergency, involving a heightened risk to United States military forces of attack with a specified biological, chemical, radiological, or nuclear agent or agents; or

(3) a determination by the Secretary of a public health emergency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) that affects, or has a significant potential to affect, national security, and that involves a specified biological, chemical, radiological, or nuclear agent or agents, or a specified disease or condition that may be attributable to such agent or agents.

Once the Secretary has declared an emergency justifying an authorization under section 564 of the act, FDA may authorize the emergency use of a drug, device, or biological product if the agency concludes, based on the information and data available to the agency, that the statutory criteria of section 564(c) of the act are satisfied. Under section 564(b)(1) of the act FDA is required to publish in the Federal Register notice of each authorization, and each termination or revocation of an authorization, and an explanation of the reasons for the action. The explanation may include a summary of data submitted to FDA in an application...
under section 505(i) or 520(g) of the act (21 U.S.C. 355(i) or 21 U.S.C. 360(g)).

Section 564 of the act permits FDA to authorize, during the effective period of the declaration, the introduction into interstate commerce of a drug, device, or biological product intended for use in an actual or potential emergency. Products appropriate for emergency use may include products and uses that are not approved, cleared, or licensed under sections 505, 510(k), and 515 of the act (21 U.S.C. 355, 21 U.S.C. 360(k), 21 U.S.C. 355(i) or section 351 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 262). FDA may issue an EUA only if, after consultation with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (to the extent feasible and appropriate given the circumstances of the emergency), FDA concludes:

1. That the agent specified in the declaration of emergency can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition;

2. That, based on the totality of scientific evidence available, including data from adequate and well-controlled clinical trials, if available, it is reasonable to believe that the product may be effective in diagnosing, treating, or preventing—(a) the serious or life-threatening disease or condition referred to in paragraph (1); or (b) a serious or life-threatening disease or condition caused by a product authorized under section 564, or approved, cleared, or licensed under the act or PHS Act, for diagnosing, treating, or preventing the disease or condition referred to in paragraph (1) and caused by the agent specified in the declaration of emergency;

3. That the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product when used to diagnose, prevent, or treat the serious or life-threatening disease or condition that is the subject of the declaration; and

4. That there is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the product for diagnosing, preventing, or treating such serious or life-threatening disease or condition.

II. EUA Request for AVA

On December 10, 2004, pursuant to section 564(b)(1)(B) of the act (21 U.S.C. 360bb–3(b)(1)(B)), the Deputy Secretary of Defense determined that there is a significant potential for a military emergency involving a heightened risk to United States military forces of attack with anthrax. On January 14, 2005, pursuant to section 564(b) of the act, and on the basis of such determination, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson declared an emergency justifying the authorization of the emergency use of AVA. Notice of the determination of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the declaration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services is published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

III. Significance of Notice

The issuance of this Authorization for the emergency use of AVA is the first time that the EUA authority is being used. FDA intends to explain clearly the reasons for each issuance, termination, or revocation of an EUA. The agency wishes to make its decision-making understandable to help ensure that members of the public, and particularly those individuals who may be eligible to receive a medical product authorized for emergency use, are informed about the basis of an EUA determination. The amount of information that will be provided regarding each authorization will depend on the circumstances of the emergency. We anticipate that in some circumstances, an EUA will be issued very quickly, and time may not permit the agency to prepare supplementary documents beyond the letter of authorization and the notice required by section 564(b)(1) of the act. Other circumstances may afford greater opportunity to produce materials in addition to those prepared and disseminated as a condition of authorization under section 564(c) of the act. Thus, the amount of additional information that we will provide will necessarily vary on a case-by-case basis. The agency will publish notice of each EUA and intends also to make the notice and certain supplementary information available on its website and in the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, which is open to the public between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because the statute is self-executing, FDA does not require regulations or guidance to implement the EUA authority. However, we believe that it would be helpful for stakeholders and the public to have more information about the EUA authority, and the process that the agency is proposing to adopt for the consideration of EUA requests. Accordingly the agency is planning to issue draft guidance on this topic in the near future.

IV. Electronic Access

An electronic version of this notice and the full text of the Authorization are available on the Internet at http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm.

V. The Authorization

Having consulted with NIH and CDC, and having concluded that the criteria for issuance of this Authorization under section 564(c) of the act are met, FDA has authorized the emergency use of AVA for prevention of inhalation anthrax for individuals between 18 and 65 years of age who are deemed by DoD to be at heightened risk of exposure due to attack with anthrax. The Authorization follows and provides an explanation of the reasons for its issuance, as required by section 564(b)(1) of the act:

William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D.
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301–1200
Re: Request for Emergency Use Authorization for the Armed Forces Pending Re-determination on the Licensed Use of Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed for Protection Against Inhalational Anthrax

Dear Dr. Winklewerder:

This is in response to your letter of December 22, 2004, requesting that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) regarding the use of Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed (AVA) for the prevention of inhalational anthrax, pursuant to section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act).

On December 10, 2004, pursuant to section 564(b)(1)(B) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bb–3(b)(1)(B), the Deputy Secretary of Defense determined that there is a significant potential for a military emergency involving a heightened risk to U.S. military forces of attack with anthrax. On January 14, 2005, pursuant to section 564(b) of the Act, and on the basis of such determination, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy G. Thompson declared an emergency justifying the authorization of the emergency use of AVA. Having consulted with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and having concluded that the criteria for issuance of this authorization under section 564(c) of the Act are met, I am authorizing the emergency use of AVA for prevention of inhalation anthrax, subject to the conditions established herein.1

1 You state in your letter that the Deputy Secretary of Defense has assigned authority from the Secretary of Defense to make the statutory determination under section 564(b)(1)(B) of the Act.
2 The Secretary of Health and Human Services has delegated his authority to issue an EUA under section 564 to the FDA Commissioner.
3 The terms “inhalation anthrax” and “inhalational anthrax” are used interchangeably.
I. Background

AVA was first licensed by NIH in November 1972. Upon the delegation of vaccine regulation to FDA in 1972, FDA undertook a comprehensive review of the safety, effectiveness, and labeling of all vaccines licensed prior to July 1, 1972. Under this review, independent advisory panels evaluated the safety and effectiveness data on vaccines used prior to that time to ensure that they met appropriate standards. The advisory panel that reviewed AVA concluded that it is safe, effective, and not misbranded, and FDA issued a proposal to adopt the panel’s recommendation (the Bacterial Vaccines and Toxoids Efficacy Review).

In March 2003, six plaintiffs, known as John and Jane Doe 1 through 6, filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (the Court) seeking to enjoin the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP) of the Department of Defense (DoD), and to declare AVA an investigational drug when used for protection against inhalation anthrax. On December 22, 2003, the Court issued a preliminary injunction barring inoculations under the AVIP in the absence of informed consent or a Presidential waiver of the informed consent requirement.

In the Federal Register of January 5, 2004, FDA published a final rule and final order in response to the report and recommendations of the independent advisory panel that reviewed the safety and effectiveness data pertaining to AVA. Following FDA’s issuance of the final rule and final order, the Court lifted the preliminary injunction on January 7, 2004, except as it applied to the six Doe plaintiffs.

On October 27, 2004, the Court issued a memorandum opinion vacating and remanding the January 2004 final rule and final order to FDA for reconsideration, following an appropriate notice and comment period. The Court also enjoined operation of the AVIP for inoculation using AVA to prevent inhalation anthrax. On December 29, 2004, FDA published a final rule and final order to FDA for reconsideration, remanding the January 2004 final rule and final order, the Court approved product for purposes of section 564(c)(2) of the Act, because I have concluded that:

(1) anthrax (Bacillus anthracis) can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition;

(2) based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, AVA is effective in preventing inhalation anthrax; therefore, it is reasonable to believe that AVA may be effective in preventing inhalation anthrax pursuant to section 564(c)(2)(A) of the Act; and

(3) there is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to AVA for preventing inhalation anthrax. Specifically, I have concluded, pursuant to section 564(c)(1) of the Act, that anthrax (Bacillus anthracis) can cause inhalation anthrax, which is a serious or life-threatening disease or condition. The fatality rate for inhalation anthrax in the United States is estimated to be approximately 45 percent to 90 percent. From 1900 to October 2001, there were 18 identified cases of inhalation anthrax in the United States, the latest of which was reported in 1976, with an 89 percent (16/18) mortality rate. Most of these exposures occurred in industrial settings, i.e., textile mills. From October 4, 2001, to December 5, 2001, a total of 11 cases of inhalation anthrax linked to intentional dissemination of Bacillus anthracis spores were identified in the United States. Five of these cases were fatal. These fatalities occurred despite aggressive medical care, including antibiotics.

I have concluded that, based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, including data from at least one well-controlled field study, AVA is effective in preventing inhalation anthrax; therefore, it is reasonable to believe that AVA may be effective in preventing inhalation anthrax pursuant to section 564(c)(2)(A) of the Act. In addition, pursuant to section 564(c)(2)(B) of the Act, I have concluded that it is reasonable to believe that the known and potential benefits of AVA outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. The available scientific evidence that supports these conclusions includes the following:

• A well-controlled efficacy field study using an earlier form of the protective antigen-based anthrax vaccine was conducted in mill workers from 1955-1959. In a comparison of anthrax cases between the placebo and vaccine groups, including both

**5 Biological products are licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).**

**6 See 21 C.F.R. § 601.25.**


**8 Biological Products; Bacterial Vaccines and Toxoids; Implementation of Efficacy Review, 50 Fed. Reg. 255 (Jan. 5, 2004).**

III. Scope of Authorization

Pursuant to section 564(d)(1) of the Act, this authorization is limited to the use of AVA for the prevention of inhalation anthrax for individuals between 18 and 65 years of age who are deemed by DoD to be at heightened risk of exposure due to attack with anthrax.

I have concluded, pursuant to section 564(d)(2) of the Act, that it is reasonable to believe that AVA may be effective in preventing inhalation anthrax, and therefore, it is reasonable to believe that AVA may be effective in preventing inhalation anthrax, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product for the population described above.

I have concluded, pursuant to section 564(d)(3) of the Act, based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, that AVA is effective in preventing inhalation anthrax, and therefore, it is reasonable to believe that AVA may be effective in preventing inhalation anthrax, and the extent to which such known and potential risks of the product for the population described above.

DoD intends to provide AVA for the prevention of inhalation anthrax; therefore, whether they continue to be eligible for vaccination with AVA under this EUA, and the extent to which such known and potential benefits and risks of the product for the population described above.

In such circumstances, the risk status of individuals initially eligible for vaccination under the EUA may change (e.g., changes in deployment or other circumstances). In such circumstances, the risk status of individuals initially eligible for vaccination under the EUA may change (e.g., changes in deployment or other circumstances). In such circumstances, the risk status of individuals initially eligible for vaccination under the EUA may change (e.g., changes in deployment or other circumstances).

FDA understands that DoD recognizes that the current AVA license describing an immunization schedule consisting of six doses. Certain details of DoD's EUA request are not specifically addressed in the package insert, however. DoD notes that for some personnel, the vaccination schedule was unavoidable, disrupted, and DoD intends for such persons to resume vaccinations at the point in the dosing schedule where they left off, for individuals eligible under the EUA.

While this practice is not addressed in the package insert, the practice is consistent with recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. When it is impracticable to provide a dose on a specific date recommended by the schedule, DoD intends to provide the vaccine dose as soon as practicable thereafter. Based on the totality of the scientific evidence available to FDA, it is reasonable to believe that such administration of AVA may be effective in preventing inhalation anthrax. Furthermore, the known and potential benefits of AVA, when used to prevent inhalation anthrax in the manner described above, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. DoD also acknowledges that during the course of the EUA, the risk status of individuals initially eligible for vaccination under the EUA may change (e.g., changes in deployment or other circumstances). In such cases, DoD must determine whether such individuals continue to be at heightened risk of exposure due to attack with anthrax, and therefore, whether they continue to be eligible for vaccination with AVA under this EUA.

The use of AVA under this EUA must be consistent with and not contrary to the conditions of authorization set forth below. Subject to the foregoing limitations and under the circumstances set forth in the Deputy Secretary of Defense's determination of military emergency, AVA may be administered for the prevention of inhalation anthrax to individuals determined by DoD to be at heightened risk of exposure due to attack with anthrax.

IV. Conditions of Authorization

Pursuant to section 564 of the Act, I am establishing the following conditions on this authorization:

Conditions Designed to Ensure that Health Care Providers or Authorized Dispensers Administering the Product Are Informed.

DoD will conduct an educational and information program under appropriate conditions designed to ensure that health care providers or authorized dispensers administering AVA under this authorization are informed:

1. That FDA has authorized the emergency use of AVA for preventing inhalation anthrax;
2. That the significant known and potential benefits and risks of the emergency use of AVA, and the extent to which such benefits and risks are unknown; and
3. Of the alternatives to AVA that are available, and of their benefits and risks.

With respect to condition (2), above, relating to provision of the significant known and potential benefits and risks of the emergency use of AVA, DoD will assure that the manufacturer's package insert is available to all health care providers or authorized dispensers who administer AVA. DoD will also provide to all such health care providers or authorized dispensers the same information provided to potential vaccine recipients described immediately below.

Conditions Designed to Ensure that Individuals Whom the Product is Administered Are Informed.

DoD will conduct an educational and information program under appropriate conditions designed to ensure that individuals to whom AVA is administered are informed:

1. That FDA has authorized the emergency use of AVA for preventing inhalation anthrax;
2. Of the significant known and potential benefits and risks of the emergency use of AVA, and of the extent to which such benefits and risks are unknown; and
3. Of the option to accept or refuse administration of AVA; of the consequences, if any, of refusing administration of the product; and of the alternatives to AVA that are available, and of their benefits and risks.

With respect to condition (3), above, relating to the option to accept or refuse administration of AVA, the AVIP will be revised to give personnel the option to refuse vaccination. Individuals who refuse anthrax vaccination will not be punished. Refusal may not be grounds for any disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Refusal may not be grounds for any adverse personnel action. Nor would either military or civilian personnel be considered non-deployable or processed for separation based on refusal of anthrax vaccination.

There may be no contraindication of entitlement for refusing anthrax vaccination.

This information shall read in the trifold brochure provided to potential vaccine recipients as follows:

You may refuse anthrax vaccination under the EUA, and you will not be punished. No disciplinary action or adverse personnel action will be taken. You will not be processed for separation, and you will still be deployable. There will be no penalty or loss of entitlement for refusing anthrax vaccination.

Other information, as outlined in your request, is not a condition of this EUA, but may be provided, including: That unvaccinated people are more vulnerable to lethal anthrax infection; morbidity or mortality due to anthrax could threaten the lives of others in the unit who depend on each other, and anthrax infections could jeopardize the success of the mission.

Individuals subject to the vaccination program may be informed that their military and civilian leaders strongly recommend anthrax vaccination, but such individuals may not be forced to be vaccinated. In addition, the issue of mandatory vaccination will be reconsidered by DoD after FDA completes its administrative process, which DoD expects to occur later this year.10

As a condition of this authorization, DoD will provide to each potential AVA recipient, prior to vaccination, information that meets the requirements set forth above. FDA has reviewed DoD's trifold brochure, submitted on January 19, 2005, and concludes that this brochure meets such requirements. DoD will obtain FDA's prior approval of any revision to the trifold brochure.

Conditions for the Monitoring and Reporting of Adverse Events Associated with the Emergency Use of AVA. DoD will, as a condition of this authorization, actively encourage health care providers or authorized dispensers and vaccine recipients to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). In addition, we understand that DoD will conduct systematic monitoring of the health of recipients of AVA, e.g., cohort studies using the Defense Medical Surveillance System databases of active-duty military personnel; such monitoring is not a condition of this authorization.

Conditions Concerning Recordkeeping and Reporting. Including Records Access by FDA. DoD will, as a condition of this authorization, record in individual medical records, including electronic immunization tracking systems, the names of individual recipients of AVA and the dates of vaccination. DoD will provide FDA access to such records.

Advertising and Promotional Descriptive Printed Matter. FDA has the authority, under section 564(d)(4) of the Act to establish conditions on advertisements and other promotional descriptive printed matter that relate to the emergency use of AVA under this authorization. As a condition of this EUA, all advertising and promotional descriptive printed matter relating to the use of AVA shall be consistent with the trifold as well as the standards and requirements set forth in this authorization.

V. Duration of Authorization

This EUA will be effective for 6 months from the date of issuance. However, this EUA may be extended within the duration of the declaration of emergency if the criteria under section 564(c) of the Act for issuance of such authorization are met.

10 See Section 1 of this authorization.
authorization are still met. Moreover, the EUA will cease to be effective when the declaration of emergency is terminated under section 564(b) of the Act or the EUA is revoked under section 564(g) of the Act.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in implementing this EUA.

Sincerely,

Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D.


Jeffrey Shuren,
Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Mental Health Services; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) National Advisory Council in February 2005.

A portion of the meeting will be open and will include a roll call, general announcements, Director’s and Administrator’s Reports, as well as presentations and discussions about Mental Health System Transformation.

Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. Public comments are welcome. Please communicate with the individual listed below as contact to make arrangements to comment or to request special accommodations for persons with disabilities.

The meeting also will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of grant applications. Therefore a portion of the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 10(d).

Substantive program information, and a roster of Council members may be obtained by accessing the SAMHSA Advisory Committee website (http://www.samhsa.gov) or by communicating with the contact whose name and telephone number are listed below. A summary of the meeting and the transcript for the open session will also be available on the SAMHSA Advisory Committee Web site as soon as possible after the meeting.

Committee Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: February 16–17, 2005.

Place: Sugarloaf Room, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857.

Type: Open: February 16, 2005, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; February 17, 2005, 9:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Closed: February 17, 2005, 9 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Contact: Diane Abbate, MA, Acting Executive Secretary, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 6–1075, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (240) 276–1830, and FAX (240) 276–1850. E-mail: dabbate@hhs.samhsa.gov.

Dated: January 26, 2005.

Toian Vaughn.
Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Notice of Intent To Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of One Current Public Collection of Information; Flight Crew Self-Defense Training—Registration and Evaluation

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: TSA invites public comment on an existing information collection requirement, abstracted below, that will be submitted to OMB for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Send your comments by April 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments to be delivered to Katrina Wawer, Information Collection Specialist, TSA Headquarters, East Tower, Floor 7, TSA—9, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202–4220; facsimile (571) 227–2594; email katra.wawer@dhs.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Therefore, in preparation for submission of the specified information collection for renewal, TSA solicits comments in order to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology where appropriate.

1652–0026, Flight Crew Self-Defense Training—Registration and Evaluation. TSA is seeking to renew information collection request number 1652–0028 to continue compliance with statutory mandate. Section 603 of Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, Public Law 108–176, requires TSA to develop and provide a voluntary advanced self-defense training program for flight and cabin crew members of air carriers providing scheduled passenger air transportation. TSA collects limited biographical information from flight crew members to confirm their eligibility for training. TSA also asks participants to complete an anonymous and voluntary evaluation form after the training is completed to assess the quality of the training. TSA requests this renewal to continue confirming participants’ eligibility and attendance for the training program, as well as to continue to assess training quality. The estimated number of annual respondents is 3,000 and estimated annual burden is 750 hours. There is no estimated annual cost burden to respondents.

The approval of this information collection expires on April 30, 2005.


Lisa S. Dean,
Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Notice of Intent To Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a Current Public Collection of Information; Airport Security

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice.