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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes a revision to OMB-approved information collection.

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 ways to minimize the burden on respondents, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Director for Clearance to the addresses or fax numbers shown below.

(OMB)

Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, E-mail address: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

(SSA)

Social Security Administration, DCBFBM, Attn: Director, Center Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400, E-mail address: *OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.*

I. SSA has submitted the information collection we list below to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collection would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them within 30 days from the date of this

publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than December 17, 2009. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Director for Reports Clearance at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the above email address.

1. *Social Security Benefits Application—20 CFR 404.310-.311, .315-.322, .330-.333, 601-.603, and .1501-.1512—0960-0618.* This collection comprises the various application modalities for retirement, survivors, and disability benefits. These modalities include paper forms (SSA Forms SSA-1, SSA-2, and SSA-16), Modernized Claims System (MCS) screens for in-person field office interview applications, and the Internet based iClaim application. This information collection request (ICR) will expand the potential user base for iClaim.

Type of Collection: Revision to an existing Office of Management and Budget-approved information collection.

Paper Forms/Accompanying MCS Screens/Burden Information:

FORM SSA-1

| Collection method | Number of respondents | Frequency of response | Average burden per response (min) | Estimated annual burden (hours) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MCS | 172,200 | 1 | 11 | 31,570 |
| MCS/Signature Proxy | 1,549,800 | 1 | 10 | 258,300 |
| Paper | 21,000 | 1 | 11 | 3,850 |
| Medicare-only MCS | 299,000 | 1 | 7 | 34,883 |
| Medicare-only Paper | 1,000 | 1 | 7 | 117 |
| Totals | 2,043,000 | | | 328,720 |

Form SSA-2:

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|---------------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| MCS | 36,860 | 1 | 15 | 9,215 |
| MCS/Signature Proxy | 331,740 | 1 | 14 | 77,406 |
| Paper | 3,800 | 1 | 15 | 950 |
| Totals | 372,400 | | | 87,571 |

Form SSA-16:

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|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|
| MCS | 218,657 | 1 | 20 | 72,886 |
| MCS/Signature Proxy | 1,967,913 | 1 | 19 | 623,172 |
| Paper | 24,161 | 1 | 20 | 8,054 |
| Totals | 2,210,731 | | | 704,112 |

iClaim Burden Information:

| | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| iClaim 3rd Party | 28,118 | 1 | 15 | 7,030 |
| iClaim Applicant after 3rd Party Completion | 28,118 | 1 | 5 | 2,343 |
| First Party iClaim | 541,851 | 1 | 15 | 135,463 |
| Medicare-only iClaim (new to this ICR) | 200,000 | 1 | 10 | 33,333 |
| Totals | 798,087 | | | 178,169 |

Aggregate Public Reporting Burden:
1,298,572 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6812]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Drawings of Bronzino"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "The Drawings of Bronzino," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about January 19, 2010, until on or about April 18, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (*telephone:* 202/632-6473). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: November 6, 2009.

Maura M. Pally,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments Concerning Compliance With Telecommunications Trade Agreements

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and reply comment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 1377 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19 U.S.C. 3106) ("Section 1377"), the Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is reviewing and requests comments on: The operation, effectiveness, and implementation of and compliance with the following agreements regarding telecommunications products and services of the United States: the World Trade Organization ("WTO") General Agreement on Trade in Services; the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA"); U.S. free trade agreements ("FTAs") with Australia, Bahrain, Chile, Morocco, Oman, Peru, and Singapore; and the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement ("CAFTA-DR"). The USTR will conclude the review by March 31, 2010.

DATES: Comments are due by noon on December 11, 2009 and reply comments by noon on January 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, ATTN: Section 1377 Comments, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Hinckley, Office of Services and Investment (202) 395-9539; or Amy Karpel, Office of the General Counsel (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1377 requires the USTR to review annually the operation and effectiveness of all U.S. trade agreements regarding telecommunications products and services that are in force with respect to the United States. The purpose of the review is to determine whether any act, policy, or practice of a country that has entered into an FTA or other telecommunications trade agreement with the United States is inconsistent with the terms of such agreement or otherwise denies U.S. firms, within the context of the terms of such agreements, mutually advantageous market opportunities for telecommunications products and services. For the current review, the USTR seeks comments on:

(1) Whether any WTO member is acting in a manner that is inconsistent with its obligations under WTO agreements affecting market opportunities for telecommunications products or services, e.g., the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services ("GATS"), including the Basic Telecommunications Agreement, the Annex on Telecommunications, and any scheduled commitments including the Reference Paper on Pro-Competitive Regulatory Principles;

(2) Whether Canada or Mexico has failed to comply with its telecommunications obligations under the NAFTA;

(3) Whether Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras or Nicaragua has failed to comply with its telecommunications obligations under the CAFTA-DR;

(4) Whether Australia, Bahrain, Chile, Morocco, Oman, Peru, or Singapore has failed to comply with its telecommunications obligations under the respective FTA between the United States and that country (*see* <http://www.ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements> for U.S. FTAs);

(5) Whether any country has failed to comply with its obligations under telecommunications trade agreements with the United States other than FTAs, e.g., Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (*see* <http://ts.nist.gov/standards/conformity/mra/mra.cfm>) for a collection of trade agreements related, *inter alia*, to telecommunications);

(6) Whether any act, policy, or practice of a country cited in a previous section 1377 review remains unresolved (*see* <http://www.ustr.gov/trade-topics/services-investment/telecom-e-commerce/section-1377-review> for the most recent reviews); and

(7) Whether any measures or practices impede access to telecommunications markets or otherwise deny telecommunications products and services market opportunities with respect to any country that is a WTO member or for which an FTA or telecommunications trade agreement has entered into force between such country and the United States. Measures or practices of interest include, for example, prohibitions on voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) services; requirements for access to or use of networks that limit the products or services U.S. suppliers can offer in specific markets; the imposition of excessively high licensing fees; discriminatory procedures for allocation and use of spectrum or other scarce