

under the terms of the GCA, aliens lawfully present in the United States may not be subject to state residency requirements that are different from those that apply to U.S. citizens. Accordingly, ATF Form 4473 is being revised to distinguish between nonimmigrant aliens admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa and those who were admitted without a visa, and to strike an instruction on the form requiring aliens to establish residence in a State continuously for a period of at least 90 days prior to the date they propose to acquire a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee. Immediate revisions to Form 4473 are necessary to conform with the law. Publication of this notice will acquaint licensees and aliens with the Department's legal positions. Delaying implementation of the new interpretation during a three to six month notice and comment period will generate many questions about which position licensees should follow. Immediate implementation is therefore required.

The proposed changes are required by the GCA. Accordingly, this notice does not seek comments from the public concerning the proposed information collection.

#### Summary of Collection

(1) *Type of information collection:* Revision of a previously approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Firearms Transaction Record, Part 1, Over-the-Counter.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: ATF F 4473 (5300.9) Part 1, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: Business or other for-profit.

#### Need for Collection

The form is used to determine the eligibility, under the Gun Control Act, of a person to receive a firearm from a Federal firearm licensee and to establish the identity of the transferee. It is also used in law enforcement investigations/inspections to trace firearms and confirm that licensees are complying with their recordkeeping obligations under the GCA.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Based on calendar year 2010 figures, ATF estimates that 14,409,616

respondents will respond to the collection each year and that the total amount of time to read the instructions and complete the form on average is 30 minutes. ATF estimates that the average amount of time it takes to read and complete the form will not be affected by the changes it is proposing here. ATF also notes, however, that previous estimates of number of respondents (112,073) who complete the form each year have been inaccurate.

(6) *An estimate of the total burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* ATF estimates 7,204,808 annual total burden hours associated with this collection. ATF notes that previous estimates of annual burden hours (56,037) have been inaccurate because they underestimated the number of respondents. The burden per respondent has not changed.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray at <http://www.DOJ.PRA@usdoj.gov>, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 2E-508, Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on November 22, 2011, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Modular Methods, LLC, Steamboat Springs, CO, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and

Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc. intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 29, 2001, Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 30, 2001 (66 FR 39336).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 21, 2011. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 20, 2011 (76 FR 29267).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on November 22, 2011, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Test Evolution, Hopkinton, MA; SignalCraft Technologies, Inc., Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Signadyne, Castelldefels (Barcelona), Spain; SignalCore Inc., Austin, TX; Modular Methods, LLC, Steamboat Springs, CO; and SELEX Galileo S.p.A., Roma, Italy, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal**

Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 6, 2001. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 13, 2011 (76 FR 63658).

**Patricia A. Brink,**

*Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Notice is hereby given that, on December 6, 2011, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (“ASME”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, since July 22, 2011, ASME has published three new standards, initiated four new standards activities, established two new consensus committees, and withdrawn six standards within the general nature and scope of ASME’s standards development activities, as specified in its original notification. More detail regarding these changes can be found at [www.asme.org](http://www.asme.org).

On September 15, 2004, ASME filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 13, 2004 (69 FR 60895).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 25, 2011. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on August 19, 2011 (76 FR 52014).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[OMB Number 1117-0012]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: Application for Registration, Application for Registration Renewal, Affidavit for Chain Renewal DEA Forms 225, 225a, 225b

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice of information collection under review.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR Number 201, pages 64381-64382, on October 18, 2011, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until January 23, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact John W. Partridge, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152; (202) 307-7297.

Written comments concerning this information collection should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: DOJ Desk Officer. The best way to ensure your comments are received is to email them to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax them to (202) 395-7285. All comments should reference the eight-digit OMB number for the collection or the title of the collection. If you have questions concerning the collection, please contact John W. Partridge, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152, (202) 307-7297, or the DOJ Desk Officer at (202) 395-3176.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies

concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Overview of Information Collection 1117-0012:*

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Registration, Application for Registration Renewal, Affidavit for Chain Renewal.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:*

*Form number:* DEA Forms 225, 225a, 225b.

*Component:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit.

*Other:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local, and tribal governments.

*Abstract:* The Controlled Substances Act requires all persons that manufacture, distribute, import, export, analytical laboratories, or conducts research with controlled substances to register with DEA. Registration provides a closed system of distribution to control the flow of controlled substances through the distribution chain.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* DEA Form 225 is submitted on an as-needed basis by persons seeking to become registered, DEA Form 225a is submitted on an annual basis thereafter to renew existing registrations, and DEA