

causality statements. The respondents mail the paper copy of the SSA-199 to SSA for consideration and approval of the claim for reimbursement of cost incurred for SSA beneficiaries. For claims certifying adherence to cost containment policies and procedures, or for preparing causality statements, state VR agencies submit written requests as

stipulated in SSA's regulations within the Code of Federal Regulations. In most cases, SSA requires adherence to cost containment policies and procedures as well as causality statements prior to determining whether to reimburse the state VR agencies.

SSA uses the information on the SSA-199, along with the written documentation, to determine whether or

not, and how much, to pay the state VR agencies under SSA's VR program. Respondents are state VR agencies who offer vocational and employment services to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income recipients.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Collection instrument	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
a. Claiming Reimbursement on SSA-199—20 CFR 404.2108(b) & 416.2208(b) .....	80	160	12,800	23	4,907
b. Certifying Adherence to Cost Containment Policy and Procedures—20 CFR 404.2117(c)(1) & (2), 416.2217(c)(1) & (2) & 34 CFR 361 ...	80	1	80	60	80
c. Preparing Causality Statements—20 CFR 404.2121(a), 404.2101(a), 416.2201(a), & 416.2221(a) .....	80	2.5	200	100	333
Totals .....	80	.....	13,080	.....	5,320

**II.**

SSA submitted the information collection below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collection would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than September 19, 2012. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance

package by writing to [OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov](mailto:OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov).

*Integrated Registration Services (IRES) System—20 CFR 401.45—0960-0626.*

The IRES System verifies the identity of individuals, businesses, organizations, entities, and government agencies who use SSA's eService Internet and telephone applications. Individuals need this verification to electronically request and exchange business data with SSA. Requestors provide SSA the information needed to establish their

identities. Once SSA verifies identity, the IRES system issues the requestor a user identification number (User ID) and a password to conduct business with SSA. Respondents are employers and third party submitters of wage data, business entities providing taxpayer identification information, and data exchange partners conducting business in support of SSA programs.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Collection instrument	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
IRES Internet Registrations .....	724,581	1	5	60,382
IRES Internet Requestors .....	7,987,763	1	2	266,259
IRES CS (CSA) Registrations .....	25,221	1	11	4,624
Totals .....	8,737,565	.....	.....	331,265

Dated: August 15, 2012.

**Faye Lipsky,**

*Reports Clearance Director, Social Security Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Delegation of Authority DA1-343]**

**Re-Delegation by the Under Secretary for Management to the Comptroller of Authorities Relating to Administration of the Federal Advisory Committee Act**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Secretary of State, including

by Delegation of Authority No. 198, dated September 16, 1992, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), and to the extent authorized by law, I hereby re-delegate to the Comptroller, the following functions and authorities:

- (1) Committee management, in accordance with Section 8 of FACA; and
- (2) The authority to make a written determination to close a meeting of an advisory committee to the public, pursuant to Section 10(d) of FACA.

The Comptroller may re-delegate the function of Committee Management Officer. Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be

deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Management may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation of authority.

Delegations of Authority Nos. 157-1 and 157-2 are revoked, except to the extent that they revoke other delegations of authority. This document shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 3, 2012.

**Patrick F. Kennedy,**

*Under Secretary of State for Management.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for comments and notice of public hearing concerning China's compliance with its WTO commitments.

**SUMMARY:** The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

**DATES:** Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a copy of their testimony, by noon, Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Written comments are due by noon, Monday, September 24, 2012. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Notifications of intent to testify and written comments should be submitted electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Donald W. Eiss, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Donald W. Eiss, (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Terrence J. McCartin, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for China Enforcement, (202) 395-3900, or Katherine C. Tai, Chief Counsel for China Enforcement, (202) 395-3150.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, by December 11 of each year, a report to

Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is hereby soliciting public comment. Last year's report is available on USTR's Internet Web site ([http://www.ustr.gov/webfm\\_send/3189](http://www.ustr.gov/webfm_send/3189)).

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. The Protocol and Working Party Report can be found on the Department of Commerce Web page, <http://www.mac.doc.gov/China/WTOAccessionPackage.htm>, or on the WTO Web site, <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

##### 2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas: (a) Trading rights; (b) import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses); (c) export regulation; (d) internal policies affecting trade (e.g., subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, trade-related investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports); (e) intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement); (f) services; (g) rule of law issues (e.g., transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform; and (h) other WTO commitments. In addition, given the United States' view that China should be held accountable as a full participant in, and beneficiary of, the international trading system, USTR requests that interested persons specifically identify unresolved compliance issues that warrant review and evaluation by USTR's China Enforcement Task Force.

Written comments must be received no later than noon, Monday, September 24, 2012.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, in Room 1, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. If

necessary, the hearing will continue on the next business day. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by noon, Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The notification should include: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony; and (2) a short (one or two paragraph) summary of the presentation, including the commitments at issue and, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects to be discussed. A copy of the testimony must accompany the notification. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC.

All documents should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in section 3 below.

##### 3. Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting a notification of intent to testify and/or written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "China's WTO Compliance."

In order to ensure the most timely and expeditious receipt and consideration of comments, USTR has arranged to accept on-line submissions via <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR-2012-0020 on the home page and click "Comment Now!". (For further information on using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) <<http://www.regulations.gov>> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "How to Use This Site" on the left side of the home page.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a "type comment" field, or by attaching a document using the "upload file(s)" field. We prefer submissions to be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "type comment" field.

Submit any documents containing business confidential information with a file name beginning with the characters "BC". Submit, as a separate submission, a public version of the submission with a file name beginning with the character "P". The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Electronic submissions should not attach separate cover letters; rather, information that might appear in a cover