

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$130,138. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) cost burden in the form of service fees associated with deposit accounts and returned payments as well as postage costs.

There are service fees for setting up a deposit account at the USPTO, for not maintaining the minimum balance required for the deposit account, and for returned payments. The service charge to establish a deposit account is \$10, and the USPTO estimates that it processes 284 Deposit Account Application Forms annually, for a total of \$2,840 per year. There is also a \$25 service charge for deposit accounts that are below the minimum balance (\$1,000 minimum balance for an unrestricted deposit account or \$300 minimum balance for a restricted deposit account) at the end of the month. The USPTO estimates that it assesses 4,000 of these low balance charges annually, for a total of \$100,000 per year. There is a \$50 service charge for processing a payment refused (including a check returned "unpaid") or charged back by a financial institution. The USPTO estimates that it assesses 129 of these returned payment charges annually, for a total of \$6,450 per year. The total estimated service fees for this collection are \$109,290 per year.

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the Credit Card Payment Form and other paper forms or requests to the USPTO by mail. Customers generally send the Credit Card Payment Form to the USPTO along with other documents related to the fee or service being paid for by credit card, but some customers may submit just the Credit Card Payment Form without additional supporting documents. The USPTO estimates that roughly 5 percent of the 103,115 paper Credit Card Payment Forms submitted annually may be mailed in by themselves, or approximately 5,156 per year. The USPTO estimates that it will receive an additional 37,391 submissions per year that may be mailed, including Deposit Account Replenishments and Refund Requests, for a total of 42,547 mailed submissions per year. The USPTO estimates that the first-class postage cost for a mailed submission will be 49 cents, for a total postage cost of approximately \$20,848 per year.

The total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of service fees and

postage costs is estimated to be approximately \$130,138 per year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to: (a) 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; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

Dated: February 7, 2014.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the notice's publication. Comments, identified by "Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission Pursuant to 17 CFR 140.735.6," should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may be also be submitted, regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, identified by "Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission Pursuant to 17 CFR 140.735.6," by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web site, via its Comments Online process: <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

- Mail: Send to Melissa D. Jurgens, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as Mail, above.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures set forth in section 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov) that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the rulemaking will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John P. Dolan at (202) 418-5220; FAX: (202) 418-5524; email: [jdolan@cftc.gov](mailto:jdolan@cftc.gov), and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0025. This contact can also provide a copy of the ICR.

<sup>1</sup> Commission regulations referred to herein are found at 17 CFR Ch. 1 (2010). Commission regulations are accessible on the Commission's Web site, [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission (OMB Control No. 3038–0025). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Commission Rule 140.735–6 governs the practice before the Commission of former members and employees of the Commission and is intended to ensure that the Commission is aware of any existing conflict of interest. The rule generally requires former members and employees who are employed or retained to represent any person before the Commission within two years of the termination of their CFTC employment, to file a brief written statement with the Commission's Office of General Counsel. The proposed rule was promulgated pursuant to the Commission's rulemaking authority contained in section 8a(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 12a(5) (1994), as amended.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 11, 2013 (78 FR 75333).

*Burden statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .10 hours per response to file the brief written statement. This estimate include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* 3.

*Estimated number of responses:* 4.5.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* .10 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 7, 2014.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

[Docket No. DARS–2014–0014]

**Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding With the Republic of Slovenia**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Republic of Slovenia (hereafter “Slovenia”). DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Slovenian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

**DATES:** Submit written comments to the address shown below on or before March 14, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Mr. Victor Deal, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 5E621, Washington, DC 20301–3060; or by email to [Victor.T.Deal3.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Victor.T.Deal3.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Victor Deal, Senior Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (OUSD(AT&L)), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting; Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060; telephone (703) 697–9351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RDP MOUs that DoD has with 23 “qualifying” countries are concluded at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of RDP MOUs is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These MOUs provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;

- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;

- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and

- Providing for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the MOU, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b(a)(1) do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes an RDP MOU with the Republic of Slovenia, then Slovenia would be listed as one of the “qualifying countries” in the definition of “qualifying country” at DFARS 225.003, and offers of products of Slovenia or that contain components from Slovenia would be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means that U.S. products would be exempt from any analogous “Buy Slovenia” and “Buy European Union” laws or policies applicable to procurements by the Slovenian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

While DoD is evaluating Slovenia's laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry's experience in participating in Slovenia's public defense procurements. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of Slovenia's Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process in accordance with published procedures, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and Slovenia when it comes to the openness