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**Background:** As requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide a report containing its advice as to the probable economic effect of modifying tariffs for six products specified in the request. The report will consider the effect of such modifications on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers. The products are included in a List of Environmental Goods endorsed by leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in 2012. Leaders agreed to reduce applied duties on such products to 5 percent or less by the end of 2015. Broadly, the affected imports covered by the list are steam turbine parts and certain types of wood flooring.

The USTR stated that portions of the Commission's report will be classified as national security information and that the USTR considers the report to be an inter-agency memorandum that will contain pre-decisional advice and be subject to the deliberative process privilege.

**Public Hearing:** The Commission will hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary not later than 5:15 p.m., September 11, 2015, in accordance with the requirements in the "Written Submissions" section below. All prehearing briefs and statements should be filed with the Secretary not later than 5:15 p.m., September 15, 2015; and all posthearing briefs and statements responding to matters raised at the hearing should be filed with the Secretary not later than 5:15 p.m., October 2, 2015. All hearing-related briefs and statements should be filed in accordance with the requirements for filing written submissions set out below.

**Written Submissions:** In lieu of, or in addition to, participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, and all such submissions should be received not later than 5:15 p.m., October 2, 2015. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 and the Commission's Handbook on Filing Procedures require that interested

parties file documents electronically on or before the filing deadline and submit eight (8) true paper copies by 12:00 p.m. eastern time on the next business day. In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, interested parties must file, at the same time as the eight paper copies, at least four (4) additional true paper copies in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information (CBI) must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the "confidential" or "non-confidential" version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the report it sends to the USTR. The Commission will not otherwise publish any confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

**Summaries of Written Submissions:** The Commission intends to include summaries of the positions of interested persons in an appendix to its report. Persons wishing to have a summary of their position included in the appendix should include a summary with their written submission. The summary may not exceed 500 words, should be in MSWord format or a format that can be easily converted to MSWord, and should not include any confidential business information. The summary will be published as provided if it meets these requirements and is germane to the subject matter of the investigation. In the appendix the Commission will identify the name of the organization furnishing the summary, and will include a link to the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) where the full written submission can be found.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 21, 2015.

**Lisa R. Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Settlement Agreements Between a Plan and a Party in Interest

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Settlement Agreements Between a Plan and a Party in Interest," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 28, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201507-1210-002](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201507-1210-002) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-EBSA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Settlement Agreements Between a Plan and Party in Interest information collection. Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 1994-71 exempts from certain Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Code) section 4975(c)(2) restrictions a settlement agreement entered into between an employee benefit plan and a party in interest resulting from a DOL investigation the plan. PTE 2003-39 similarly exempts a settlement agreement entered into between a plan and a party in interest in avoidance of litigation from certain ERISA restrictions and certain taxes of the Code. ERISA section 408(a) authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 1108(a).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210-0091.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2015. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2015 (80 FR 34696).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at

the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1210-0091. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 agency's 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.

*Agency:* DOL-EBSA.

*Title of Collection:* Settlement Agreements Between a Plan and a Party in Interest.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210-0091.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,620.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 42 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$542.

Dated: August 21, 2015.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is submitting a request for a three-year extension of an Information

Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before September 28, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments concerning this ICR by one of the following methods:

*Mail:* Attention: Desk Officer for MSPB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

*Email:* [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

You also may submit comments to MSPB by one of the following methods:

*Mail:* William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Suite 500, 1615 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20419.

*Email:* Please include "Voluntary Customer Surveys" in the subject line of the message and send it to [mspb@mspb.gov](mailto:mspb@mspb.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Dr. Dee Ann Batten by phone at (202) 254-4495; by email at [deeann.batten@mspb.gov](mailto:deeann.batten@mspb.gov); or by fax at (202) 653-7211.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The MSPB intends to ask for a three-year renewal of its Generic Clearance Request for Voluntary Customer Surveys, OMB Control No. 3124-0012. On June 19, 2015, MSPB sought public comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). See 80 FR 35404. The MSPB did not receive any comments. The MSPB is submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedure prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12.

Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards," mandates agencies to identify their customers and survey them to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. The MSPB's customers and stakeholders include persons who file appeals with MSPB for agency actions taken against them (appellants), their representatives, and representatives of the agency which took the action.

These surveys will be used to evaluate how well we are serving our customers in terms of their perceptions of timeliness, fairness, accessibility, and sensitivity to their situation in deciding their appeals. We also have used customer surveys to determine the