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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

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AFFECTED PUBLIC: Business or other for-profit organizations.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS:

Foreign Currency Form FC–1: 30 respondents.

Foreign Currency Form FC–2: 30 respondents.

Foreign Currency Form FC–3: 53 respondents.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE TIME PER RESPONSE:

Foreign Currency Form FC–1: 48 minutes (0.8 hours) per response.

Foreign Currency Form FC–2: Three hours 36 minutes (3.6 hours) per response.

Foreign Currency Form FC–3: Eight (8) hours per response.

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS:

Foreign Currency Form FC–1: 1,248 hours, based on 52 reporting periods per year.

Foreign Currency Form FC–2: 1,296 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

Foreign Currency Form FC–3: 1,696 hours, based on 4 reporting periods per year.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether Foreign Currency Forms FC–1, FC–2, and FC–3 are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information will have practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above estimates of the burdens; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

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