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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### 5 CFR Chapter XXI

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### 31 CFR Subtitle A and Chapters I, II, IV Through VIII, IX, and X

### 48 CFR Chapter 10

#### Review of Regulations

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** On January 30, 2017, the President signed Executive Order 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, to direct agencies to eliminate two regulations for each new regulation issued and to limit costs for this fiscal year to zero. On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, which requires agencies to convene a regulatory reform task force to assist in the implementation of Executive Order 13771. In furtherance of those Executive Orders, this notice invites members of the public to submit views and recommendations for Treasury Department regulations that can be eliminated, modified, or streamlined in order to reduce burdens.

**DATES:** *Comment due date:* July 31, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments in response to this notice according to the instructions below. All submissions must refer to the document title. Treasury encourages the early submission of comments.

*Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons must submit

comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt, and enables the Department to make comments available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

*Public Inspection of Comments.* In general, all properly submitted comments will be available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Additional Instructions.* In general, comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are made available to the public. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi Cohen, Office of the General Counsel (General Law, Ethics, and Regulation), 202-622-1142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, requires agencies to convene a regulatory reform task force to assist in the implementation of Executive Order 13771 as well as Executive Orders 12866 and 13563.

The Department is forming such a task force, which will evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations to the Secretary to prioritize their possible repeal, replacement, or modification, consistent with applicable law. The Executive Order 13777 requires the task force to attempt to identify for repeal, replacement or modification regulations that eliminate jobs or inhibit job creation; are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective; impose costs that exceed benefits; create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies; are inconsistent with the requirements of the Information Quality Act (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision; or derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been

subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

Executive Order 13777 encourages agencies to seek input from small businesses, state and local governments, trade associations, and other stakeholders significantly affected by regulations. Accordingly, this notice invites interested members of the public to provide input on those Treasury regulations and guidance that should be modified or eliminated in order to reduce burdens. Commenters should identify the regulation by title and citation to the Code of Federal Regulations and should explain how the regulations could be modified, if appropriate, or explain why the regulation should be eliminated. To the extent available, commenters should provide available data and an explanation of regulatory costs and compliance burdens.

In particular, the Department invites comments on regulations, forms, and guidance documents issued or promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Departmental Offices (Office of the Secretary), the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, and Treasury regulations and guidance issued under the Department's Customs Revenue Function (19 CFR chapter 1).

In its Notice 2017-28, Treasury and IRS invited public comment on recommendations for the 2017-2018 Priority Guidance Plan for tax guidance. That notice included a similar request for input pursuant to Executive Orders 13771 and 13777. Today's request for comments is intended to support and not duplicate those efforts. If commenters have already submitted comments in response to Notice 2017-28, those comments will be shared with and may be used by the Department's task force as it evaluates regulations.

The Department advises that this notice and request for comments is issued for information and policy development purposes. Although the Department encourages responses to this notice, such comments do not bind the Department to taking any further actions related to the submission.

Dated: June 8, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

#### 6 CFR Part 5

[Docket No. DHS-2017-0019]

### Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation of Exemptions; Department of Homeland Security/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by the Department of Homeland Security System of Records

**AGENCY:** Privacy Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security is giving concurrent notice of an updated and reissued system of records pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 for the “Department of Homeland Security/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by the Department of Homeland Security System of Records” and this proposed rulemaking. In this proposed rulemaking, the Department proposes to exempt portions of the system of records from additional provisions of the Privacy Act because of criminal, civil, and administrative enforcement requirements.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 14, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2017-0019, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-343-4010.

- *Mail:* Jonathan R. Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general and privacy questions please contact: Jonathan R. Cantor, (202-343-1717), Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposes a new Privacy Act exemption to an existing DHS system of records titled, “DHS/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by DHS System of Records.” The DHS/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by DHS System of Records covers the collection, use, maintenance, and dissemination of records relating to the protection of property owned, occupied, or secured by DHS. The existing Privacy Act exemptions that became effective upon publication of the Final Rule at 74 FR 50901, continue to apply to this system of records. DHS is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to add a new exemption from certain provisions of the Privacy Act.

##### II. Privacy Act

The Privacy Act embodies fair information practice principles in a statutory framework governing the means by which Federal Government agencies collect, maintain, use, and disseminate personally identifiable information. The Privacy Act applies to information that is maintained in a “system of records.” A “system of records” is a group of any records under the control of an agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual. In the Privacy Act, an individual is defined to encompass U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. Additionally, and similarly, the Judicial Redress Act (JRA) provides a statutory right to covered persons to make requests for access and amendment to covered records, as defined by the JRA, along with judicial review for denials of such requests. In addition, the JRA prohibits disclosures of covered records, except as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act.

The Privacy Act allows government agencies to exempt certain records from the access and amendment provisions. If an agency claims an exemption, however, it must issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to make clear to

the public the reasons why a particular exemption is claimed.

DHS is claiming an additional exemption from certain requirements of the Privacy Act for DHS/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by DHS System of Records, under 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2). Information in DHS/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by DHS System of Records relates to official DHS law enforcement activities. This new exemption is needed to protect information relating to DHS activities from disclosure to subjects or others related to these activities. Specifically, the additional exemptions are required to preclude subjects of these activities from frustrating ongoing operations; to avoid disclosure of activity techniques; to protect the identities and physical safety of confidential informants and law enforcement personnel; to ensure DHS’s ability to obtain information from third parties and other sources; to protect the privacy of third parties; and to safeguard classified information. Disclosure of information to the subject of the inquiry could also permit the subject to avoid detection or apprehension.

In appropriate circumstances, when compliance would not appear to interfere with or adversely affect the law enforcement purposes of this system and the overall law enforcement process, the applicable exemptions may be waived on a case by case basis.

A notice of an updated system of records for DHS/ALL-025 Law Enforcement Authority in Support of the Protection of Property Owned, Occupied, or Secured by DHS System of Records is also published in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

#### List of Subjects in 6 CFR Part 5

Freedom of information; Privacy.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, DHS proposes to amend chapter I of title 6, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

#### PART 5—DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 5 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 6 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135; 5 U.S.C. 301.

■ 2. In appendix C to part 5, revise paragraph 38 to read as follows:

#### Appendix C to Part 5—DHS Systems of Records Exempt From the Privacy Act

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