The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Report title: Recordkeeping Requirements Associated with Regulation GG.

Agency form number: FR GG.

OMB control number: 7100–0317.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondents: Depository institutions, credit unions, card system operators, and money transmitting business operators.

Estimated number of respondents: Depository institutions: 2,331; credit unions: 2,575; card system operators: 7; money transmitting business operators: 62; and new or de novo institutions: 3.

Estimated average hours per response: Ongoing annual burden of 8 hours per respondent for depository institutions, credit unions, card system operators, and money transmitting business operators. Onetime burden of 100 hours for new or de novo institutions.

Estimated annual burden hours: Ongoing burden: 39,800; one-time burden: 300.

General description of report: Section 5 of Regulation GG, Prohibition on Funding of Unlawful Internet Gambling, requires all non-exempt participants in the designated payment systems to establish and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to identify and block, or otherwise prevent or prohibit, transactions restricted by the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006. In addition, section 5 states that a participant in a designated payment system may rely on policies and procedures established by the designated payment system if the system’s policies and procedures otherwise comply with the requirements of the regulation.

Section 6 of Regulation GG sets out non-exclusive examples of policies and procedures for each designated payment system that the Board and the Department of the Treasury believe are reasonably designed to prevent or prohibit restricted transactions for non-exempt participants in the system.

The internal agency tracking number previously assigned by the Board to this information collection was “FR 4026.” The Board is changing the internal agency tracking number to “FR GG” for the purpose of consistency.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: FR GG is authorized by section 802 of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, which permits the Board to prescribe regulations requiring designated payment systems and participants therein to establish policies and procedures to identify and block or otherwise prevent and prohibit restricted transactions (31 U.S.C. 5364(a)). The obligation to respond is mandatory.

The policies and procedures required by Regulation GG are not required to be submitted to the Board. To the extent such policies and procedures are obtained by the Board through the examination process, they may be kept confidential under exemption 8 of the Freedom of Information Act, which protects information contained in or related to an examination of a financial institution (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)).

Consultation outside the agency: The Board has consulted with the Department of the Treasury regarding this information collection renewal.

1 12 CFR 233.5(a).
2 12 CFR 233.5(b).
3 See 12 CFR 233.6.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Application for a Foreign Organization to Acquire a U.S. Bank or Bank Holding Company (FR Y–3F; OMB No. 7100–0119).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 7, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR Y–3F, by any of the following methods:


• Email: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include the OMB number in the subject line of the message.

• FAX: (202) 452–3819 or (202) 452–3102.

• Mail: Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board’s website at https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter’s request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room 146, 1709 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452–3604. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security
screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments. Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the PRA to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB submission, including the reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be available at https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, if approved. These documents will also be made available on the Board’s public website at https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

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b. The accuracy of the Board’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority to Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection:

Report title: Application for a Foreign Organization to Acquire a U.S. Bank or Bank Holding Company.

Agency form number: FR Y–3F. OMB Control Number: 7100–0119.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents: Any company organized under the laws of a foreign country that seeks to acquire a U.S. bank or bank holding company.

Estimated number of respondents: 6.

Estimated average hours per response:

Reporting: Initial application: 90;

Subsequent application: 70;


Estimated annual burden hours:

Reporting: Initial application: 90;

Subsequent application: 350;


General description of report: Under the Bank Holding Company Act (BHC Act), any company, including a company organized under the laws of a foreign country, that seeks to acquire a U.S. bank or bank holding company must receive prior approval from the Board to do so. The Federal Reserve uses the information collected by the FR Y–3F to determine whether to approve the application and, subsequently, to carry out its supervisory responsibilities with respect to the foreign banking organization’s operations in the United States.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: Section 3(a) of the BHC Act requires prior approval by the Board for any company, including a foreign company, to acquire a U.S. bank or bank holding company, and section 3(c) of the BHC Act sets forth the factors that the Board must consider in approving such an application. Sections 5(a) through 5(c) of the BHC Act authorize the Board to require the registration of bank holding companies, issue regulations and orders to carry out its supervisory responsibilities thereunder, and examine and require reports to be submitted by bank holding companies, respectively. Together, these sections of the BHC Act provide the legal authorization for the FR Y–3F. The FR Y–3F is required to obtain a benefit.

To the extent a respondent submits nonpublic commercial or financial information in connection with the FR Y–3F, which is both customarily and actually treated as private by the respondent, the respondent may request confidential treatment pursuant to exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). To the extent a respondent submits personal, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, the respondent may request confidential treatment pursuant to exemption 6 of the FOIA.

If a respondent requests confidential treatment, the Board will determine whether the information is entitled to confidential treatment on a case-by-case basis. The entity should separately designate any such information as “confidential commercial information” or “confidential financial information” and the Board will treat such designated information as confidential to the extent permitted by law, including the FOIA. To the extent a respondent submits information related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of a financial supervisory agency, the information may be treated as confidential pursuant to exemption 8 of the FOIA.


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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the International Applications and Prior Notifications under Subpart B of Regulation K (FR K–2; OMB No. 7100–0284).

2 12 U.S.C. 1842(c).
3 12 U.S.C. 1844(a)–(c).
5 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).
6 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8).
7 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(9).
8 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(9).