DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB Agency Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Airline Service Quality Performance—Part 234

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST–R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.


DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 12, 2021. Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. (You may access comments received for this notice at http://www.regulations.gov by searching docket DOT–OST–2014–0031.)
- Hand delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT’s docket by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia Robinson, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Room E34–410, OST–R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 366–4405 (voice), Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or Email cecelia.robinson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOT collects information regarding flight performance and mishandled baggage, wheelchairs, and scooters from the largest U.S. air carriers under 14 CFR part 234. The air carriers required to provide this information to DOT consist of the U.S. air carriers that accounted for at least 0.5 percent of domestic scheduled-passenger revenues (Reporting Carriers) as most recently determined by the DOT’s Office of Airline Information. An air carrier that is not a Reporting Carrier may voluntarily submit the flight performance and mishandled baggage, wheelchairs, and scooters information to the Department pursuant to 14 CFR 234.7.

Specifically, Reporting Carriers must submit Part 234 On-time Performance reports to DOT with information on domestic flight operations and performance as described in 14 CFR 234.4.1 In addition, under 14 CFR 234.6, Reporting Carriers must submit Part 234 Mishandled Baggage Reports to DOT that include the following information for covered domestic flights: (1) The number of bags mishandled in its custody, (2) the number of bags enplaned into the aircraft cargo compartment, (3) the number of mishandled wheelchairs and scooters mishandled in its custody, and (4) the number of wheelchairs and scooters enplaned into the aircraft cargo compartment.2 Each Reporting Carrier is required to report the flight performance and mishandled baggage, wheelchair, and scooter information to DOT on a monthly basis for the covered flights it operates and for any aircraft’s flight hold out under the Reporting Carrier’s code (as the only U.S. carrier code) and operated by a codeshare partner of the Reporting Carrier.

DOT uses the information reported by airlines to provide airline performance information and statistics on the BTS website and in the Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR), a monthly publication of DOT’s Office of Aviation Consumer Protection (OACP). Air transportation consumers and other stakeholders use the information DOT publishes to understand and compare airlines’ service quality performance, including airlines’ rates of on-time performance and cancellation and rates of baggage and wheelchair and scooter mishandling.

DOT’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) uses data reported by airlines in Part 234 On-time Performance reports to analyze air traffic delays. Wheels-up and wheels-down times are used by the FAA in conjunction with departure and arrival times to show the extent of ground delays. Actual elapsed flight time (wheels-down minus wheels-up time) is compared by the FAA to scheduled elapsed flight time to identify airborne delays. The reporting of the aircraft tail number allows the FAA to track an aircraft through the air network, which enables the FAA to study the ripple effects of delays at hub airports. The data can be analyzed by the FAA for airport design changes, new equipment purchases, and the planning of new runways or airports based on current and projected airport delays and traffic levels. The identification of the reason for delays allows the FAA, air operators, and air carriers to pinpoint delays under their control.

DOT is publishing this notice to announce its intent to request extension of the previously approved information collections described above under OMB Control Number 2138–0041. Without further action, OMB authorization of the information collections would expire December 31, 2021.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 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 be subject to monetary penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information.


if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For each of these information collections, the title, a description of the respondents, and an estimate of the annual recordkeeping and periodic reporting burden are set forth below.

1. Airline Service Quality Performance Reports—Part 234 On-Time Performance

Respondents: Certificated air carriers that account for at least 0.5 percent of the domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues are required to report flight performance data for flights that they operate as described in 14 CFR 234.4; Certificated air carriers that account for at least 0.5 percent of domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues that market code-share flights carrying the carrier’s code as the only U.S. carrier code are required to report flight performance data for these code-share flights as described in 14 CFR 234.4; Air carriers may voluntarily report flight performance data pursuant to 14 CFR 234.7.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17 air carriers (4 of which market codeshare flights).

Frequency: Monthly.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 10 hours for each respondent to report for the flights operated by the respondent plus an additional 16 hours if the respondent reports for flights operated by code-share partners.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,808 hours (17 air carriers reporting the flight performance information for the flights they operate × 10 hours per response × 12 months = 2,040 hours) + (4 air carriers reporting the flight performance information for flights operated by their codeshare partners × 16 hours per response × 12 months = 768 hours). This estimate is based on the following information: 17 carriers reported the flight performance data for the flights they operated to DOT in calendar year 2019, 2020, and 2021. Currently, 4 carriers report flight performance data to DOT for their codeshare operations.

DOT estimates that respondents will encounter on average a 10-hour burden per month to report flight performance data to DOT for the flights they operate. DOT estimates the respondents that market codeshare flights will encounter on average an additional burden of 16 hours per month to report flight performance data to DOT for their codeshare operations. The burden estimates include staff time to manage and process the data and to submit the report through DOT’s electronic submission system.

2. Airline Service Quality Performance Reports—Part 234 Mishandled Baggage

Respondents: Certificated air carriers that account for at least 0.5 percent of the domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues are required to report mishandled baggage and wheelchairs and scooters data for flights that they operate as described in 14 CFR 234.6; Certificated air carriers that account for at least 0.5 percent of domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues that market code-share flights carrying the carrier’s code as the only U.S. carrier code are required to report mishandled baggage and wheelchairs and scooters data for these code-share flights as described in 14 CFR 234.6; Air carriers may voluntarily report mishandled baggage and wheelchairs and scooters data pursuant to 14 CFR 234.7.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17 air carriers (4 that market codeshare flights).

Frequency: Monthly.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 10 hours for each respondent to report for the flights operated by the respondent plus an additional 16 hours if the respondent reports for flights operated by code-share partners.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,825 hours (17 air carriers reporting the mishandled baggage and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters information for flights they operate × 10 hours per response × 12 months = 2,040 hours) + (4 air carriers reporting the mishandled baggage and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters information for flights operated by their codeshare partners × 16 hours per response × 12 months = 768 hours) + (.00138 hours for manual data entry related to wheelchair or scooters × 12,000 manual entries = 17 hours). This estimate is based on the following information: 17 Carriers reported mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT in calendar year 2019, 2020, and 2021. Currently, 4 carriers report mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT for their codeshare operations.

DOT estimates that respondents will encounter on average 10-hours burden per month to report the mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter data to DOT for the flights they operate. DOT estimates that respondents that market codeshare flights will encounter on average an additional burden of 16 hours per month to report the mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter data to DOT for their codeshare operations. The burden estimates include staff time to manage and process the data and to submit the report through DOT’s electronic submission system.

In addition, the estimated total annual burden is based on the assumption that most respondents employ automated processes to record that an item enplaned is a wheelchair or scooter for the purposes of reporting data on wheelchairs and scooters to DOT. For a carrier that manually records this information, such as by having their agent type information describing a wheelchair or scooter into the airline’s system, DOT estimates that the airline would spend approximately 5 seconds (.00138 hours) per item to manually enter the data. DOT estimates that 12,000 Wheelchairs and scooters total are recorded manually per year.

Administrative Issues

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501) requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both respondent’s identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

Comments Invited

We invite comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOT, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of DOT’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record on the docket.

3The Final Rule to Amend Rules Requiring Reporting of Mishandled Baggage, Regulatory Impact Analysis, October 18, 2016, estimated a data entry burden of 5 seconds per wheelchair or scooter recorded manually. See Docket No. RITA–2011–0001.
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To announce a list of senior executives who comprise a standing roster that will serve on IRS’s Fiscal Year 2021 Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Boards.

DATES: This list is effective September 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharnetta A. Walton, Director, Office of Executive Services at (202) 317–3817 or Malaika Green, Deputy Director, Office of Executive Services at (202) 317–3823, IRS, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisals of career senior executives’ performance and provide recommendations to the appointing authority on performance ratings, pay adjustments and performance awards. The senior executives are as follows:

Justin L. Abold-LaBreche
David P. Altito
Robin D. Bailey, Jr.
Scott A. Ballint
Lisa J. Beard-Niemann
Robert J. Bedoya
Barbara Berridge
Jigar Bhatia
Joseph Dianto
Brenda A. Dial
Elizabeth A. Dugger
Sheila Eason
Michelle L. Eldridge
James L. Fish
Sharyn M. Fisk
Nikole C. Flax
Julie A. Foerster
Jeff D. Gill
Linda K. Gilpin
Dagoberto Gonzalez
Dietra D. Grant
Darren J. Guillot
Valerie A. Gunter
Todd L. Harber
Barbara Harris
Gearl D. Harris
Keith A. Henley
Anita M. Hill
Robert E. Hill
John E. Hinding
Carrie Y. Holland
Yumin Hsu
Scott E. Irick
Barry W. Johnson
Nikki C. Johnson
William H. Kea, Jr.
Lou Ann Kelleher
Andrew J. Keyso, Jr.
Edward T. Killen
James C. Lee
Terry L. Lemons
Sunita Lough
Robert W. Malone
Heather C. Maloy
Lee D. Martin
Kevin Q. McIver
Karen A. Michaels
Kevin M. Morehead
Robin L. Moses
Bryan L. Musselman
Frank A. Nolden
Douglas W. O’Donnell
Deborah T. Palacheck
Kaschit D. Pandya
Holly G. Paz
Scott D. Reisher
Bridget T. Roberts
James D. Robnett
Richard L. Rodriguez
Clifford R. Scherwinski
Frederick W. Schindler
Verline A. Shepherd
Nancy A. Sieger
Susan A. Simon
Eric D. Slack
Harrison Smith
Tommy A. Smith
Jeffrey J. Tribiano
Kathryn D. Vaughan
Shanna R. Webbers
Lavena B. Williams
Maha H. Williams
Lisa S. Wilson
Sheila D. Wright

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Douglas W. O’Donnell,
Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance (FACI) will meet via videoconference on Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting is open to the public. The FACI provides non-binding recommendation and advice to the Federal Insurance Office (FIO) in the U.S. Department of Treasury.

DATES: The meeting will be held via videoconference on Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Attendance: The meeting will be held via videoconference and is open to the public. The public can attend remotely via live webcast here. The webcast will also be available through the FACI’s website at here. Please refer to the FACI website for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Requests for reasonable accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be directed to Mariam G. Harvey, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, Department of the Treasury at (202) 622–0316, or mariam.harvey@do.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jigar Gandhi, Senior Insurance Regulatory Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 1410 MT, Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622–3220 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Public Comment: Members of the public wishing to comment on the business of the FACI are invited to submit written statements by either of the following methods:

Electronic Statements
• Send electronic comments to faci@treasury.gov.

Paper Statements
• Send paper statements in triplicate to the Federal Advisory Committee on