

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 473,710 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to 5.30 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 392,186 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$477,308,180. The postage costs have increased since the publication of the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, from \$10.40 to \$12.25 for the Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope used for mailed submissions. As a result, the estimated postage costs have increased from \$24,638 to \$29,020. This accounts for the additional \$4,382 to the estimated total annual non-hourly cost burden.

**Justin Isaac,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (“ICR”) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (“OIRA”) of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 30, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of this notice’s publication to OIRA, at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the website’s search function. Comments can be entered electronically by clicking on the

“comment” button next to the information collection on the “OIRA Information Collections Under Review” page, or the “View ICR—Agency Submission” page. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

In addition to the submission of comments to <https://Reginfo.gov> as indicated above, a copy of all comments submitted to OIRA may also be submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission” or “CFTC”) by clicking on the “Submit Comment” box next to the descriptive entry for OMB Control No. 3038–0055, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/FederalRegister/PublicInfo.aspx>.

Or by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.
- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as Mail above.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://www.cftc.gov>. Comments submitted to the Commission should include only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under FOIA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dina Moussa, Special Counsel, (202) 418–5696 or [dmoussa@cftc.gov](mailto:dmoussa@cftc.gov); or Catherine Brescia, Attorney Advisor, (202) 418–6236 or [cbrescia@cftc.gov](mailto:cbrescia@cftc.gov), Market Participants Division, Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0055.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (OMB Control No. 3038–0055). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 124 of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000<sup>2</sup> amended the Commodity Exchange Act (the “Act”) and added a new Section 5g<sup>3</sup> to the Act to (i) provide that futures commission merchants, commodity trading advisors, commodity pool operators, and introducing brokers that are subject to CFTC jurisdiction with respect to any financial activity shall be treated as a financial institution for purposes of Title V, Subtitle A of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (“GLB Act”), (ii) treat the Commission as a Federal functional regulator for purposes of applying the provisions of the GLB Act, and (iii) direct the Commission to prescribe regulations under Title V of the GLB Act.

The Commission adopted regulations for these entities under Part 160 and later extended them to retail foreign exchange dealers, swap dealers, and major swap participants.<sup>4</sup> Part 160 requires those subject to the regulations, among other things, to provide privacy and opt out notices to customers and consumers, and to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to safeguard customer records and information. In April 2019, the Commission adopted amendments to its regulations to provide an exception to its annual privacy notice requirement under certain conditions.<sup>5</sup>

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. On December 15, 2025, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension, 90 FR 57962 (“60-Day Notice”). The

<sup>2</sup> Section 124, Appendix E of Public Law 106–554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

<sup>3</sup> 7 U.S.C. 7b–2.

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR part 160. See Privacy of Customer Information, 66 FR 21235 (Apr. 27, 2001); Regulation of Off-Exchange Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions and Intermediaries, 75 FR 55409 (Sep. 10, 2010); and Privacy of Consumer Financial Information: Conforming Amendments Under Dodd-Frank Act, 76 FR 43874 (Jul. 22, 2011).

<sup>5</sup> Privacy of Consumer Financial Information—Amendment to Conform Regulations to the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, 84 FR 17341 (Apr. 25, 2019).

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.

Commission received no relevant comments on the 60-Day Notice.

*Burden Statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,399.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 95.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 322,905.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,764.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annual.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: February 24, 2026.

**Robert Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2026-0034]

#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Performance-Based Payments—Representation (OMB Control Number 0750-0001)

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System; Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DoD's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) has approved this information collection for use under Control Number 0750-0001 through April 30, 2026. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by April 27, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0750-0001, using either of the following methods:

○ *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

○ *Email:* [osd.dfars@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dfars@mail.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0750-0001 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Saleemah McMillan, at 202-308-5383.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Performance-Based Payments—Representation; OMB Control Number 0750-0001.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 438.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 438.

*Average Burden per Response:* 0.1 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 43.8.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection concerns the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) solicitation provision at 252.232-7015, Performance-Based Payments—Representation. This provision is prescribed at DFARS 232.1005-70(b) for use in solicitations where the resulting contract may include performance-based payments. Paragraph (b) of the provision requires the offeror to check a box indicating whether the offeror's financial statements are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. DoD will use this information to decide whether the offeror is eligible for performance-based payments.

**Kimberly R. Ziegler,**

*Editor/Publisher, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2025-SCC-1174]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; the Recognition Process for Accrediting Agencies, State Approval Agencies; Evaluation of Foreign Medical, and Foreign Veterinary Accrediting Agencies (e-Recognition)

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 30, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Amy Wilson, (202) 987-1318.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note