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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collections should be submitted to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the address and fax number listed below: (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Fax: 410–965–6400.
OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410–965–0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

1. Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, SSA–1020SC–0960–NEW. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; MMA) establishes a new Medicare Part D program for voluntary prescription drug coverage for premium, deductible, and cost-sharing subsidies for certain low-income individuals. The MMA stipulates that subsidies must be available for individuals who are eligible for the program and who meet eligibility criteria for help with

premium, deductible, and/or co-payment costs.

Individuals who receive these subsidies may ask SSA to redetermine the amount of help they receive if they experience a “subsidy-changing event,” including marriage, separation, divorce, an annulment, or the death of a spouse. Until late 2006, when redetermination forms will become available, SSA will use form SSA–1020–SC, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, to make redeterminations based on subsidy-changing events. The respondents are individuals whose application for help toward the costs for this program has been approved and are requesting a redetermination of their subsidy based on a subsidy-changing event.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 76,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 35 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 44,333 hours.

2. Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs—0960–NEW (Internet/Intranet Application Screens). The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; MMA) establishes a new Medicare Part D program for voluntary prescription drug coverage for premium, deductible, and cost-sharing subsidies for certain low-income individuals. The MMA stipulates that subsidies must be available for individuals who are eligible for the program and who meet eligibility criteria for help with premium, deductible, and/or co-payment costs. Form SSA–1020, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, collects information about an applicant's resources and is used by SSA to determine eligibility for this assistance.

We are proposing electronic versions of the SSA–1020, which will collect the information via the Intranet (the information is provided by the respondent during an interview at a Social Security field office) or the Internet (i1020) (if respondents complete the Internet screens on their own and submit them electronically). The respondents are individuals who are eligible for enrollment in the Medicare Part D program and are requesting assistance with the related costs.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 2,000,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500,000.

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Elizabeth A. Davidson,
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Number 1010)

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a modification to a computer matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a modification of a computer matching program that SSA conducts with DHS.

DATES: SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice either by telefax to (410) 965–5961 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs, 245 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (P. L.) 100–503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a) by describing the manner in which computer matching involving Federal agencies could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching

by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal agencies;

(3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;

(4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: January 10, 2005.

Martin H. Gerry,

Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and DHS.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions under which DHS agrees to the disclosure of information regarding certain aliens who may, as a result of their current or planned absences from the United States, be subject to nonpayment of benefits in programs administered by SSA. The disclosure will provide SSA with information useful in determining claim and benefit status under both Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act, governing Social Security Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance Benefits, and Supplemental Security Income, in that certain persons who are outside the United States, or similarly lack appropriate statutorily specified residency and citizenship/alienage status, may not be paid benefits under specific statutory provisions of those titles. The purpose of this

modification is to expand the language of the relevant computer matching agreement to encompass a wider definition of persons ineligible to receive Title II Social Security benefits. Public Law (Pub. L.) 108-203 (The Social Security Protection Act of 2004), section 412, expands section 202(n) of the Social Security Act to prohibit payment of retirement or disability benefits to number holders removed from the United States under section 237(a) or under section 212(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (INA), as amended.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Legal authority for the relevant disclosures of this matching operation is contained in sections 202(n) of the Social Security Act as amended by section 412 of Pub. L. 108-203, 1611(f), and 1614(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(n) 1382(f) and 1382c(a)(1) (the Act) and 8 U.S.C. 1611 and 1612). Section 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) requires SSA to verify declarations of applicants for, and recipients of, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments before making a determination of eligibility or payment amount. Section 1631(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(f)) requires Federal agencies to provide SSA with information necessary to verify SSI eligibility or benefit amounts or to verify other information related to these determinations. In addition, section 202(n)(2) of the Act specifies that the "Attorney General or the Secretary of the [Department of Homeland Security]" notify the Commissioner of Social Security when certain individuals are removed under specified provisions of section 237(a) or under section 212(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Agreement

DHS will disclose to SSA two data files as described below:

1. Aliens Who Leave the United States Voluntarily

DHS will provide SSA with an electronic file from its Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS) (Justice/INS 013 system of records, most recently published at 62 FR 59734, dated 11/04/97, which is electronically formatted for transmission to SSA). CLAIMS contains information on resident aliens who are SSI recipients and who have left or plan to leave the United States for any period of 30 consecutive days. SSA will then match the DHS CLAIMS data with:

Social Security number (SSN) applicant and holder information, maintained in SSA's Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OEEAS 60-0058 (most recently published at 65 FR 66279, dated 11/03/2000); and, SSA's Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits (SSR) (most recently published at 66 FR 11079 SSA/OEEAS 60-0103, dated 02/21/2001).

2. Aliens Who Are Deported From the United States

DHS will also provide SSA with an electronic file containing information on deported number holders from its Deportable Alien Control System (DACS) (Justice/INS-012, full text published at 65 FR 46738, dated 07/31/2000, modified at 66 FR 66712, dated 01/22/2001). Electronically formatted for transmission to SSA, DACS is scheduled to be replaced by the Enforce Removal Module (EREM). After such transition, EREM will be the system of records used in the match. SSA will then match the DHS EREM data with: applicant and holder information maintained in SSA's Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications SSA/OEES 09-60-0058, published at 65 FR 66279 (11/03/00), the Master Beneficiary Record SSA/OEEAS 09-60-0090, most recently published at 66 FR 11080, dated 02/21/2001; and the Supplemental Security Record.

Inclusive Dates of the Match

The matching agreement for this program shall become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Applications of Ameristar Air Cargo, Inc. D/B/A Ameristar Charters for Certificate Authority

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.