portfolio investment purposes. These data are used by the U.S. Government in the formulation of international and financial policies and for the computation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and the U.S. international investment position. These data will also be used to provide information to the public and to meet international reporting commitments.

The benchmark survey (Form SHL) is conducted once every five years, and requires reporting by all significant U.S.-resident custodians and U.S.-resident security issuers. In non-benchmark years an annual survey (Form SHLA) is conducted, and requires reports primarily from the very largest U.S.-resident custodians and issuers. The data requested will be the same in Form SHL and, during the four succeeding years, in Form SHLA. The determination of who must report in the annual surveys (SHLA) will be based upon the securities data submitted during the previous benchmark survey. The data collected under the annual surveys (SHLA) will be used in conjunction with the results of the previous benchmark survey to compute economy-wide estimates for the non-benchmark years.

Current Actions: None. No changes in the forms or instructions will be made from the previous survey that was conducted as of June 30, 2007.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business/Financial Institutions.

*Forms:* TDF SHLA, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 (1505–0123); TDF SHL, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 (1505–0123).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* An annual average (over five years) of 354, but this varies widely from about 1,475 in benchmark years (once every five years) to about 74 in each of the other years (four out of every five years).

*Estimated Average Time per Respondent:* An annual average (over five years) of about 89 hours, but this will vary widely from respondent to respondent. (a) In the year of a benchmark survey, which is conducted once every five years, it is estimated that exempt respondents will require an average of 16 hours; for custodians of securities, the estimate is a total of 321 hours on average, but this figure will vary widely for individual custodians; and for issuers of securities that have data to report and are not custodians, the estimate is 61 hours on average. (b) In a non-benchmark year, which occurs four years out of every five years: for the largest custodians of securities, the estimate is a total of 486 hours on average; and for the largest issuers of securities that have data to report and are not custodians, the estimate is 110 hours on average.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* An annual average (over five years) of 31,500 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether the survey is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchases of services to provide information.

**Dwight Wolkow,**

*Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

### Unblocking of Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker Pursuant to Executive Order 12978

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (''OFAC'') is publishing the name of three individuals whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, *Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions With Significant Narcotics Traffickers.*

**DATES:** The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers of the individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is effective on December 27, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622–2420.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (*http://www.treas.gov/ofac*) via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622–0077.

#### Background

On October 21, 1995, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia,* of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706) (''IEEPA''), issued Executive Order 12978 (60 FR 54579, October 24, 1995) (the ''Order''). In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia and the harm that they cause in the United States and abroad.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and Secretary of State, to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia; or (3) to materially assist in, or provide financial or technological support for or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to this order; and (4) persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons designated pursuant to this Order.

On December 27, 2007, the Director of OFAC removed from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers the individuals listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Order.

The listing of the unblocked individuals follows:

1. GRANDE BENAVIDES, Fernando, c/o ALERO S.A., Cali, Colombia; DOB 31 Oct 1962; Cedula No. 16675553 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT]

2. GRUESO HURTADO, Adriana, c/o INCOMMERCE S.A., Cali, Colombia; DOB 10 Oct 1974; Cedula No. 66922311 (Colombia); Passport 66922311 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT]

3. URIBE CADAVID, Juan Guillermo, c/o REPRESENTACIONES ZATZA LTDA., Cali, Colombia; Cedula No. 16628855 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT]

Dated: December 27, 2007.

**Adam J. Szubin,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0583]**

### Proposed Information Collection (Informed Consent for Patient Care); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the disclosure requirements imposed on non-VA physicians to ensure that patients have sufficient information to provide educated and informed consent for medical procedures.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through *www.Regulations.gov*; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: *mary.stout@va.gov*. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0583'' in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *www.Regulations.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Stout (202) 461–5867 or FAX (202) 273–9381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Regulation for Informed Consent for Patient Care (Title 38 CFR 17.32).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0583.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA informed consent regulation describes patient rights and responsibilities and the process for obtaining informed consent. It contains procedures that providers (including non-VA physicians who contract to perform services for VA on a fee-basis) must follow when seeking informed consent from a VA beneficiary (e.g., discussion of the benefits, risk and alternatives for the recommended treatment or procedure and documentation of the patient's decision). The information provided is designed to ensure that the patients (or, when appropriate, the patient's representative or surrogate) have sufficient information to provide informed consent.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 8,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 32,000.

Dated: December 27, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900–New (10–21086)]**

### Proposed Information Collection (National Survey of Women Veterans); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to identify the healthcare needs of the women veteran population.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through *www.Regulations.gov*; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: *mary.stout@va.gov*. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900-New (10–21086)'' in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *www.Regulations.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Stout (202) 461–5867 or FAX (202) 273–9381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.