

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Thrift Supervision****Minimum Security Devices and Procedures**

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before May 5, 2008. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from RegInfo.gov at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to infocollect.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, please contact Ira L. Mills at, ira.mills@ots.treas.gov (202) 906-6531, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Litigation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid

OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Minimum Security Devices and Procedures.

OMB Number: 1550-0062.

Form Number: N/A.

Description: The requirement that savings associations establish a written security program is necessitated by the Bank Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 1881-1884), which requires the Federal supervisory agencies to promulgate rules establishing minimum standards with which each financial institution must comply with respect to the installation, maintenance, and operation of security devices and procedures to discourage robberies, burglaries, and larcenies, and to assist in the identification and apprehension of persons who commit such acts.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 832.

Estimated Number of Responses: 832.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Burden: 1,664 hours.

Clearance Officer: Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

Deborah Dakin,

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Thrift Supervision****Minority Thrift Certification Form**

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before May 5, 2008. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from RegInfo.gov at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Minority Thrift Certification Form.

OMB Number: 1550-0096.

Form Number: Form 1661.

Description: OTS uses the results of the certification process to maintain an accurate listing of minority-owned thrifts. OTS provides training, technical assistance, and education programs to those thrifts throughout the year. In addition, OTS uses the list to provide information to potential investors who may be interested in supporting minority-owned thrifts.

Finally, OTS reports annually to Congress on its efforts to support minority-owned thrifts, in accordance with Section 301 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Number of Responses: 22.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Burden: 11 hours.

Clearance Officer: Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

Deborah Dakin,

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Open Public Hearing—April 24–25 2008, New Orleans, Louisiana.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China, and to provide recommendations, where appropriate, to Congress for legislative and administrative action.

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Background

This event is the fourth in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in government, business, industry, academia and the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. growing bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The April 24–25 hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary on the safety and trade issues related to imported seafood from China. This hearing will address the U.S. government and seafood industry perspectives, as well as the health and safety risks associated with Chinese seafood imports, and will be Co-chaired by Vice Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Daniel Slane.

Information on upcoming hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Purpose of Hearing

The hearing is designed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its mandate by examining the effects on the U.S. fishing industry of imported seafood from China and the resulting health and safety risks associated with Chinese seafood imports. The hearing will also highlight how such factors negatively or positively affect U.S. companies, investors, and workers.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>. Any interested party may file a written statement by April 24, 2008, by mailing to the contact below.

The hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on April 24 and a morning session on April 25 where Commissioners will take testimony from invited witnesses. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses. Public participation is invited during the open-microphone session for public comment at the conclusion of the

afternoon session on April 24. Sign-up for open-microphone session will take place in the morning of April 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will be on first come, first served basis. Each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of 5 minutes. Because of time constraints, parties with common interests are encouraged to designate a single speaker to represent their views.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 24, 2008, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Friday, April 25, 2008, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the Pan American Life Conference and Media Center, Orleans Room located on the 11th floor in the Pan American Building at 601 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first serve basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via email at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), and Public Law 110-161 (December 26, 2007).

Dated: April 1, 2008.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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