

committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

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John D. Hawke, Jr.,

Under Secretary (Domestic Finance).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 97-20]

Tuna Fish—Tariff-Rate Quota; The Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 1997, on Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.20, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Announcement of the quota quantity for tuna for Calendar Year 1997.

SUMMARY: Each year the tariff-rate quota for tuna fish described in subheading 1604.14.20, HTSUS, is based on the United States canned tuna production for the preceding calendar year.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The 1997 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna fish entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period January 1 through December 31, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Porter, Supervisor, Quota, Import Operations, Trade Compliance Division, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Washington, D.C. 20229, (202) 927-5399. It has now been determined that 35,662,163 kilograms of tuna may be entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the Calendar Year

1997, at the rate of 6 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.20, HTSUS. Any such tuna which is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.30 HTSUS.

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George J. Weise,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Cemetery System (NCS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Frances Willis, National Cemetery System (402B2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the NCS request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the NCS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0559.

Title: State Cemetery Data, VA Form 40-0241.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Need and Uses: The information is collected annually and is used by the NCS's State Cemetery Grants Service to conduct studies. For example, the information is used to demonstrate to the States (especially those without state veterans cemeteries) not only the viability of the program, but to demonstrate that they have a need. In 1996 alone, for example, State cemeteries provided for burial of 11,280 veterans and eligible family members, nearly 16 percent of the total number of burials provided by VA national cemeteries. This can demonstrate that State cemeteries are needed and a demand exists for the services provided. The State Cemetery Grants Service is a user of the information as is the Field Operations Office of NCS and the Budget and Planning Service in Operations Support, NCS. States use this data as well as congressional offices, veterans organizations and interested citizens.

Current Actions: VA Form 40-0241 is used to collect information regarding the number of interments conducted at state veterans cemeteries each year. This information is necessary for budget and oversight purposes. In addition, NCS's State Cemetery Grants Service needs the information to answer questions which arise during the course of the year to respond to Congressional correspondence and to project and predict the need for burial space and the demand for state grants. Burial information provides the usage rates and helps in the prediction of when a cemetery needs to develop additional acreage (request a grant to expand) or is going to close. The amount of acreage used helps the State Cemetery Grants Service and National Cemetery System anticipate closing and the requirement for additional cemeteries (either state or national). Lower burial rates may indicate problems such as ineffective outreach or poor maintenance that should be investigated. The information is used in conjunction with the information gained from the national cemeteries to consider where to place national or state cemeteries. 38 CFR, Section 39.3, points out that "the Secretary and any authorized representative (in this case the State Cemetery Grants Service) will have access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents related to the grant." 38 CFR, Section 39.5, discusses follow-up procedures once a cemetery is established and points out the need for audits.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 52 hours.