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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 97-7]

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct a public meeting to report on the results of the thirteenth session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) and to discuss the work program for U.S. participation in future meetings of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods during the 1997-1998 biennium.

DATES: July 23, 1997 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Room 6200, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frits Wybenga, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting will be to (1) review the outcome of the thirteenth session of the UNSCOE held from July 7-17, 1997 in Geneva Switzerland and to begin preparation for U.S. participation in the fourteenth session of the SCOE. Topics to be covered during the public meeting include matters related to reformatting the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a model rule, criteria for environmentally hazardous substances, review of intermodal portable tank requirements, review of the requirements applicable to small quantities of hazardous materials in transport (limited quantities), classification of individual substances, requirements for bulk and non-bulk packagings used to transport hazardous materials, requirements for inhalation toxicity materials, and international

harmonization of classification criteria and labeling.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Copies of documents submitted to the thirteenth session of the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained from RSPA. Copies of UNSCOE proposals are available by linking to the UN Transport web site at <http://www.itu.int/itudoc/un/editrans/dgdb/dgscomm.html>. This site can be accessed through the RSPA Homepage at <http://www.volpe.dot.gov/ohm>. Documents and a summary of U.S. positions may also be ordered by contacting RSPA's Dockets Unit (202-366-5046).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0377]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 requirements relating to a claim for repurchase of loan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,

NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0377" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Claim for Repurchase of Loan, VA Form 26-8084.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0377.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under 38 CFR 36.4600(d), the holder of a delinquent vendee account is legally entitled to repurchase of the loan by VA when the loan has been continuously in default for 3 months and the amount of the delinquency equals or exceeds the sum of 2 monthly installments. When requesting repurchase of a loan, the holder uses VA Form 26-8084. Upon receipt of a holder's VA Form 26-8084, the supporting documents are examined to see that all of the documents required have been submitted and that they are sufficient to complete the repurchase. VA Form 26-8084 is compared with the settlement sheet prepared when the loan was sold and examined closely to establish that there are no errors in the holder's methods of computation. Following repurchase by VA, the obligor(s) are notified in writing that VA has repurchased the loan, and the vendee account is serviced and maintained by VA thereafter.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 421 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.