

and addresses otherwise permitted to be made public. (See 5 U.S.C. 552a (n)).

**§ 1.32 Use and disclosure of social security numbers.**

(a) *In general.* An individual shall not be denied any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law by a component because of such individual's refusal to disclose his social security number.

(b) *Exceptions.* The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply with respect to:

(1) Any disclosure which is required by Federal statute, or

(2) The disclosure of a social security number to any Federal, State, or local agency maintaining a system of records in existence and operating before January 1, 1975, if such disclosure was required under statute or regulation adopted prior to such date to verify the identity of an individual.

(c) *Requests for disclosure of social security number.* Any component which requests an individual to disclose his or her social security account number shall inform that individual whether:

(1) Disclosure is mandatory or voluntary.

(2) By what statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and

(3) What uses will be made of it. (See section 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974 set forth at 5 U.S.C. 552a, note.)

**§ 1.34 Guardianship.**

The parent or guardian of a minor or a person judicially determined to be incompetent shall, in addition to establishing the identity of the minor or other person represented, establish parentage or guardianship by furnishing a copy of a birth certificate showing parentage or a court order establishing the guardianship and may thereafter, act on behalf of such individual. (See 5 U.S.C. 552a (h))

**§ 1.35 Information forms.**

(a) *Review of forms.* Except for forms developed and used by constituent units, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration shall be responsible for reviewing all forms developed and used by the Department of the Treasury to collect information from and about individuals. The heads of components shall each be responsible for the

review of forms used by such component to collect information from and about individuals.

(b) *Scope of review.* The responsible officers shall review each form for the purpose of eliminating any requirement for information that is not relevant and necessary to carry out an agency function and to accomplish the following objectives;

(1) To insure that no information concerning religion, political beliefs or activities, association memberships (other than those required for a professional license), or the exercise of First Amendment rights is required to be disclosed unless such requirement of disclosure is expressly authorized by statute or is pertinent to, and within the scope of, any authorized law enforcement activity;

(2) To insure that the form or a separate form that can be retained by the individual makes clear to the individual which information he is required by law to disclose and the authority for that requirement and which information is voluntary;

(3) To insure that the form or a separate form that can be retained by the individual states clearly the principal purpose or purposes for which the information is being collected, and summarizes concisely the routine uses that will be made of the information;

(4) To insure that the form or a separate form that can be retained by the individual clearly indicates to the individual the effect in terms of rights, benefits or privileges of not providing all or part of the requested information; and

(5) To insure that any form requesting disclosure of a Social Security Number, or a separate form that can be retained by the individual, clearly advises the individual of the statute or regulation requiring disclosure of the number or clearly advises the individual that disclosure is voluntary and that no consequence will follow from the refusal to disclose it, and the uses that will be made of the number whether disclosed mandatorily and voluntarily.

(c) *Revision of forms.* Any form which does not meet the objectives specified in the Privacy Act and in this section, shall be revised to conform thereto. A

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separate statement may be used in instances when a form does not conform. This statement will accompany a form and shall include all the information necessary to accomplish the objectives specified in the Privacy Act and this section.

**§ 1.36 Systems exempt in whole or in part from provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a and this part.**

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a (j) and (k) and § 1.23(c), constituent units of the Department of the Treasury exempt the following systems of records from certain provisions of the Privacy Act for the reasons indicated:

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*Notice exempting a system of records from requirements of the Privacy Act*

(a) *In general.* The General Counsel of the Treasury exempts the system of records entitled "Treasury Interagency Automated Litigation System (TRIALS)" from the provisions of subsections (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H) and (I), and (f) of 5 U.S.C. 552a. The manual part of this system of records contains information or documents relating to litigation or administrative proceedings involving or concerning the Department or its officials, and includes pending, active and closed files. The manual records consist of copies of pleadings, investigative reports, information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action or proceeding, legal memoranda, and related correspondence. Pleadings which have been filed with a court or administrative tribunal are matters of public record and no exemption is claimed as to them. The computerized part of the system contains summary data on Treasury Department non-tax litigation and administrative proceedings, e.g., plaintiff, defendant, attorney, witness, judge and/or hearing officer names, type of case, relief sought, date, docket number, pertinent dates, and issues. The purpose of the exemptions is to maintain the confidentiality of investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes; information compiled in reasonable anticipation of

a civil action a proceeding is exempt from access under section (d)(5) until the file is closed; thereafter section (k)(2) may apply in part to the information. Legal memorandum and related correspondence contain no personal information and are not subject to disclosure under section 552a. Determinations concerning whether particular information contained in this system is exempt from disclosure will be made at the time a request is received from an individual to gain access to information pertaining to him.

(b) *Authority.* These rules are promulgated pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by 5 U.S.C. 552a(k), and pursuant to the authority vested in the General Counsel by 31 CFR 1.23(c).

(c) *Name of system.* Treasury Interagency Automated Litigation System (TRIALS).

(d) *Provisions from which exempted.* This system contains records described in 5 U.S.C. 552a(k), the Privacy Act of 1974. Exemption will be claimed for such records only where appropriate from the following provisions, subsections (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) of 5 U.S.C. 552a.

(e) *Reasons for claimed exemptions.* Those sections would otherwise require the Department to notify an individual of investigatory materials maintained in a record pertaining to him, permit access to such record, permit requests for its correction (section 552a(d), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (f)); make available to him any required accounting of disclosures made of the record (section 552a(c)(3)), publish the sources of records in the system (section 552a(e)(4)(I)); and screen records to insure that there is maintained only such information about an individual as is relevant to accomplish a required purpose of the Department (section 552a(e)(1)). The records compiled for the prosecution or defense of civil litigation on behalf of the Department or its officials contain investigatory materials compiled for litigation purposes, together with memoranda concerning the applicable law, and related correspondence. The use of investigatory material in court proceedings is governed by due process and statutory