

Procurement Policy, OMB (telephone: 202-395-3254).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

On December 19, 1995, the President signed the "Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995" (Pub. L. 104-65). This Act includes some amendments to 31 U.S. Code Section 1352, popularly known as the Byrd Amendment, which was signed into law on October 23, 1989 (Pub. L. 101-121). The new law makes these amendments effective January 1, 1996.

The Byrd Amendment required the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue governmentwide guidance for agency implementation of, and compliance with, the requirements of the Byrd Amendment. On December 18, 1989 (published December 20, 1989), OMB issued interim final guidance entitled "Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying" (54 FR 52306). The Conference Report called for major agencies, as designated by OMB, to issue a common rule complying with OMB's guidance. On February 26, 1990, 29 agencies co-signed such an interim final common rule (55 FR 6736). A second interim final common rule, part of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), for most contracts was published on January 30, 1990 (55 FR 3190).

Today's notice includes amendments to OMB's December 1989 guidance to reflect the new lobbying statute. These amendments will apply governmentwide and will subsequently be reflected in the two governmentwide common rules.

The new lobbying statute essentially made three changes to the Byrd Amendment. The law: (a) simplified the information required by 31 U.S.C. 1352(b)(2)-(3) to be disclosed; (b) eliminated the requirement in 31 U.S.C. 1352(b)(6) that agencies submit semi-annual compilations to Congress; and, (c) eliminated the requirement in 31 U.S.C. 1352(d) for the Inspectors General's annual report to Congress.

**B. Paperwork Reduction Act**

These amendments contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. A Paperwork Reduction Act emergency approval was requested by OMB pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(j) and 5 CFR 1320.13 and was granted under OMB control number 0348-0046. OMB estimates a substantial reduction in reporting burden due to these amendments. Instead of the prior

estimate of 30 minutes per response, OMB estimates only 10 minutes per response.

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**PART \_\_\_\_ NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**

1. The authority citation for part \_\_\_\_ is revised to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 319, Pub. L. 101-121, 103 Stat. 750, as amended by sec. 10, Pub. L. 104-65, 109 Stat. 700 (31 U.S.C. 1352).

2. Subpart F (Agency Reports), consisting of § \_\_\_\_ .600 (Semi-annual compilation) and § \_\_\_\_ .605 (Inspector General report), is removed.

3. In Appendix B, Standard Form (SF)-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, is amended as follows:

a. Item 10a is amended by revising "Name and Address of Lobbying Entity" to read "Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant";

b. In item 10, the statement "(attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary)" is removed; and,

c. Items 11 through 15 are removed.

4. In Appendix B, the Instructions for Completion of SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities are amended as follows:

a. In the introductory text, remove the sentence "Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate.";

b. The instruction for item 10(a) is amended by revising "lobbying entity" to read "registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995"; and,

c. The instructions for items 11 through 15 are removed.

5. The SF-LLL-A Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet is removed.

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**Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that an information collection request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for emergency processing under 5 CFR 1320.13. The information collection request is for amendments to the Standard Form (SF)-

LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, as necessitated by the "Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, which became law on December 19, 1995 and which becomes effective January 1, 1996. This early effective date necessitates a request for emergency processing for approval for 90 days.

The SF-LLL is the standard disclosure reporting form for lobbying paid for with non-Federal funds, as required by OMB's governmentwide guidance for new restrictions on lobbying, which was issued under 31 U.S.C. 1352 (popularly known as the "Byrd Amendment"). The new lobbying statute simplified the information required to be disclosed under 31 U.S.C. 1352. A companion notice in today's Federal Register solicits comments on the revised SF-LLL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara F. Kahlow, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB (telephone: 202-395-3053).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: Edward Springer, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Room 10236 New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Identification of Priority Foreign Countries: Request for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for written submissions from the public concerning acts, policies, and practices to be considered with respect to identification of countries under section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act).

**SUMMARY:** Section 182 of the Trade Act requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. 19 U.S.C. 2242. In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of the countries identified should be designated as priority foreign countries. Priority foreign countries typically are subject to a "special" 301