

E. Inclusive Dates of the Match

The matching program shall become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice for the program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2873]

**Bureau of Political Military Affairs;
Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: 60-day notice of proposed information collection; maintenance of records by registrants.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Originating Office: Bureau of Political Military Affairs.

Title of Information Collection:

Maintenance of Records by Registrants.

Frequency: On occasion.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: Persons or business applying for defense trade export licenses or services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 20 hours per person or business.

Total Estimated Burden: 100,000.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including

through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments regarding the collection listed in this notice or requests for copies of the proposed collection and supporting documents should be directed to Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

Fernando Burbano,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2872]

**Bureau of Intelligence and Research;
Advisory Committee for the Study of
Eastern Europe and the Independent
States of the Former Soviet Union;
Notice of Committee Renewal**

I. Renewal of Advisory Committee.

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. This advisory committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of State on funding for applications submitted for the Research and Training Program on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII). These applications are submitted in response to an annual, open competition among U.S. national organizations with interest and expertise administering research and training programs in the Russian, Eurasian, and East European fields. The program seeks to build and sustain U.S. expertise on these regions through support for advanced graduate training, language training, and postdoctoral research.

The committee includes representatives of the Secretaries of Defense and Education, the Librarian of Congress, and the Presidents of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the Association of American Universities. The Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research chairs the advisory committee for the Secretary of State. The committee meets at least annually to recommend grant policies and recipients.

For further information, please call: Michelle Staton, INR/RES, U.S. Department of State, (202) 736-4155.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

Kenneth E. Roberts,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. OST 98-4025]

**Request for Public Comment on
Competitive Issues Affecting the
Domestic Airline Industry**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Federal Aviation Administration, United States Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 13, 1998, the Department of Transportation opened a public docket to receive information from interested parties on airport practices and their implications for competition among air carriers. Parties wishing to file comments with the Department were given until September 1, 1998. By this notice, the Department is extending the time period for public comment from September 1, 1998, until December 30, 1998.

DATES: Comments should be received by December 30, 1998. Comments that are received after that date will be considered only to the extent possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on the scope of the Department's study or the name of the individual in DOT who is in the best position to answer your questions, please contact either James New (202-366-4868) or Larry Phillips (202-366-4382). A copy of this Notice can be obtained via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.dot.gov/ost/aviation/>. Comments placed in the docket will be available for viewing on the Internet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department recently published a request for public comment on competitive issues affecting the domestic airline industry (63 FR 37612, July 13, 1998). In that request, we asked parties to provide us with detailed information on 14 specific issues that focus on airport practices and their impact on airline competition. Based on an August 6 petition of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) to extend the comment period, as well as correspondence from the Airports