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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Chairs-Regional Fairness Boards 1-10 Meeting**

The Small Business Administration Chairs-Regional Fairness Board 1-10 Meeting Located in the geographical area of Chicago, IL, will hold a strategy meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 1999 at SBA National Ombudsman's Office, 500 W Madison St., Suite 1240, Chicago, IL 60661, to collect Fairness Board Chairs' comments on the 1999 draft Report To Congress, as well as to obtain recommendations and other input for the annual Report to Congress.

For further information, contact, Gary P. Peele (312) 353-0880.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Region VI—Houston District Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration—Region VI—Houston Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Houston, Texas will hold a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. The meeting will be conducted in the Conference Room at the Small Business Administration, 9301 Southwest Freeway, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77074. This meeting will be conducted to discuss such business as may be presented by members of the District Advisory Council, the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and other attending.

For further information, write to Milton Wilson, Jr. District Director, at the Small Business Administration, 9301 Southwest Freeway, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77074-1591 or call (713) 773-6500.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request**

In compliance with PL. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collection packages that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding these information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of the notices.

1. *Application for Benefits Under a U.S. International Social Security Agreement—0960-0448.* The information collected on form SSA-2490 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine a claimant's eligibility for U.S. Social Security benefits under the provisions of an international social security agreement. It is also used to take an application for benefits from a foreign country under an agreement. The respondents are individuals who are applying for benefits from either the United States and/or a foreign country with which the United States has an agreement. The United States currently has 17 such agreements.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Frequency of response:* 1.

*Average Burden per response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,000 hours.

2. *0960-NEW.* Public Law 105-277 authorizes SSA to conduct a Medicare buy-in demonstration project to evaluate means to promote the Medicare buy-in programs targeted to elderly and disabled individuals under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act. A lack of awareness about the Medicare buy-in programs appears to be one of the major obstacles to enrollments. Other obstacles to enrollment include the confusion of potential eligibles as to how to apply for these programs and a

preference for dealing with SSA field offices rather than with local Medicaid offices.

SSA will screen respondents voluntarily for potential Medicare Part B buy-in eligibility using a screening guide developed for this purpose. The screening guide will collect information from SSA beneficiaries regarding income, resources, marital status and living arrangements and also ask questions about their awareness of Medicare Part B buy-in programs. SSA will gather this information to identify and overcome obstacles to Medicare Part B buy-in enrollments and to screen for potential eligibility for Medicare Part B benefits. The demonstration project ends on December 31, 1999.

*Number of Respondents:* 130,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 43,334 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on these information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed after these notices.

1. *Authorization to Obtain Earnings Data from the Social Security Administration—0960-NEW.* SSA collects this information when a wage earner or a third party requests detailed earnings information pertaining to the wage earner from the Social Security Administration. The information provided on form SSA-581 is used by SSA to verify the authorization to access earnings record data and to produce an itemized statement for release to the third party named on the form. The information is provided by the wage earner and/or the third party.

*Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,000 hours.

2. *Organization Profile—0960-NEW.* The Social Security Administration (SSA) will use the information collected on the Organization Profile questionnaire to create a database of third party stakeholders. This database will support the delivery of information about Social Security programs to these interested parties, and enable SSA to target relevant information to those organizations while restricting unwanted material. The respondents are community organizations, State and

local government agencies, advocacy groups and community service organizations.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,167 hours.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments or the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145 or by writing to him at the address below.

#### (SSA)

Social Security Administration,  
DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W.  
Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-  
A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore,  
MD 21235

#### (OMB)

Attn: Lori Schack, New Executive Office  
Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St.,  
NW, Washington, D.C. 20503

Dated: February 1, 1999.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security  
Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending January 29, 1999

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

*Docket Number:* OST-99-5052

*Date Filed:* January 27, 1999

*Parties:* Members of the International  
Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

PTC23 EUR-SEA 0064 dated  
December 18, 1998

Europe-South East Asia Expedited  
Resos

r-1-002q, r-3-071hh, r-5-078o

r-2-015v, r-4-076tt, r-6-084cc

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1999

**Dorothy W. Walker,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5042]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, the Coast Guard intends to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for the renewal of five Information Collection Requests (ICR). These ICRs include: (1) The Tank Vessel Examination Letter (CG-840S-1&2), Certificate of Compliance, Boiler/Pressure Vessel Repairs, Cargo Gear Records, and Shipping Papers; (2) Self-propelled Liquefied Gas Vessels; (3) Alternate Compliance Program—Record of Inspections; (4) Requirements for Lightering of Oil and Hazardous Materials Cargoes; and (5) Instructional Material for Lifesaving, Fire Protection and Emergency Equipment. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is asking for comments on the collections described below.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 6, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-199- ), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this document. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete Information Collection Request are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106, (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Barbara Davis, Office of Information

Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document. Should there be questions on the docket, contact Pat Chesley, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330.

#### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document (USCG-1999- ) and the specific Information Collection Request (ICR) to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

#### Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Tank Vessel Examination Letter (CG-840S-1 & 2), Certificate of Compliance, Boiler/Pressure Vessel Repairs, Cargo Gear Records, and Shipping Papers.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0504.

*Summary:* The information in this report is collected to ensure compliance with U.S. regulations as part of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Program.

*Need:* Title 46 United States Code (USC) 3301, 3305, 3306, 3702, 3703, 3711, and 3714 authorizes the Coast Guard to establish marine safety regulations to protect life, property, and the environment. Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) prescribe these Coast Guard regulations.

The requirements for reporting Boiler/Pressure Valve Repairs, maintaining Cargo Gear Records, maintaining Shipping Papers, issuance of Certificates of Compliance and Tank Vessel Examination Letters (CG-840S-1/CG-840S-2, as appropriate) provide the marine inspector with available information as to the condition of a vessel and its equipment. It also contains information on the vessel owner and lists the type and amount of cargo that has been or is being transported. These requirements all relate to the promotion of safety of life at sea and protection of the marine environment.

*Respondents:* Vessel owners and operators.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 21,531 hours annually.