purposes. The reports can be retrieved by date, location, issuing agent, and/or alien number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Most INS offices are located in buildings under security guard, with access limited to INS and other Federal Government employees and authorized visitors. All records are stored in spaces which are locked during non-duty office hours. Many records are stored in cabinets or machines which are also locked during non-duty office hours. Access to automated records is controlled by passwords and name identifications.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The sticker issuance data in the electronic tracking system is maintained for three years and then destroyed. The sticker issuance in manifest form is downloaded from the electronic system and maintained in case of inquiries. It is maintained for three years and then destroyed. The Form I–90 applications are mailed to the Service Centers where they are placed in application receipt files, maintained for ten years, and then destroyed. If a Form I–90 application is denied, it is placed in the alien file. NOTE: Alien files and the Central Index System (CIS) contain all relevant information pertaining to the permanent resident status of the applicant and are maintained for 75 years.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Associate Commissioner, Field Services Operation, Immigration Services Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 801 I Street NW, Room 900, Washington, DC 20536.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Any inquiries regarding specific sticker issuance information contained in this system should be addressed in writing to the System Manager listed above or to the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) officer where the record is located (See System Location).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Requests for access to a record from this system shall be in writing. Clearly mark the envelope and letter ''Privacy Act Request.'' The requester shall provide his or her full name, the sticker issuance number, the general nature of the inquiry, and if possible the date that the application was filed at the INS office and the location of the INS office where the application was accepted. The requester also shall provide date and place of birth, verification of identity [in accordance with 8 CFR 103.21(b) or a sworn statement under penalty of perjury], his or her notarized signature, and any other information that may assist in identifying and locating the record. The requester also should provide a return address for transmitting the record(s) to be released.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURE:

Direct all requests to contest or amend information to the System Manager or FOIA/PA officer as indicated above. State clearly and concisely the information being contested, the reason for contesting it, and the proposed amendment thereof. Clearly mark the envelope ''Privacy Act Amendment Request.'' The record must be identified in the same manner as described for making a request for record access (see above). To facilitate the expeditious handling of the amendment request, include a copy of the response received to the Privacy Act Request.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in this system of records is obtained from the applicant during the issuance of an I–551 extension after an applicant has filed an I–90 to renew and expiring/expired I–551 in his or her possession.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Existing Collection in use without an OMB control number; National Sex Offender Registry.

The Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by January 24, 2001. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer (202) 395–6466, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Beth Saymon, Acting Unit Chief, Review, Analysis, and Development Unit, Program Development Section, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306.

We request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this collection:

(1) Type of information collection: Existing Collection in use without an OMB control number.

(2) *Title of Form/Collection:* National Sex Offender Registry

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: None. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary—50 States, 5 territories, the District of Columbia, and registered sex offenders who moved to another state. The National Sex Offender Registry data is collected from the 50 states, 5 territories, and the District of Columbia. In addition registered sex offender must notify the FBI when they move to another state. The state must notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation if they cannot

verify the address or locate a person required to register with the states registration program. The registry was established by the FBI in accordance with Federal law (42 U.S.C. 14072) in order to track the whereabouts and movements of persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor; persons who have been convicted of a sexually violent offense; and persons who are sexually violent predators.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Number of respondents: 56 government entities and 8,400 registered sex offenders annually. The estimated time for the average respondent to respond: 2 minutes per transaction, average 250,000 total transaction per year.

(6) *An estimate of the total of public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* Approximately 8,333 total annual burden hours [250,000×2=500,000 minutes/60 minutes.]

If additional information is required contact: Robert B. Briggs, Department Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff Justice Management Division, Suite 1220, National Place, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 16, 2001.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AAG/A Order No. 218–2001]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Investigation, DOJ.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A–130, notice is hereby given that the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is amending the following system of records which was originally published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65223), and was amended on December 14, 2000 (65 FR 78190):

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) JUSTICE/FBI–018.

Opportunity for Comment: The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11)) requires that the public be given 30 days in which to comment on any new or amended uses of information in a system of records. In addition, in accordance with Privacy Act requirements (5 U.S.C. 552a(r)), the Department of Justice has provided a report on these modifications to OMB and the Congress. OMB, which has oversight responsibilities under the Act, requires that OMB and the Congress be given 40 days in which to review major changes to Privacy Act systems. Therefore, the public, OMB, and the Congress are invited to submit written comments on this modification.

Address Comments or Requests for Further Information to: Mary E. Cahill, Management Analyst, Management and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, 1400 National Place Building, Washington, DC 20530.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These proposed changes will be effective March 5, 2001 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is modifying the system of records to include one new routine use. This new routine use provides for disclosure of information in the NICS Audit Log to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) in connection with ATF's inspections of Federal Firearms Licensee records. The notice is also being modified to reflect that information about allowed transfers will only be retained in the NICS Audit Log for 90 days, unless such information is needed to pursue identified cases of misuse. Revisions to 28 CFR part 25 which underlie these changes are being implemented in the Rules section of today's **Federal Register**.

The notice is also being revised to clarify that system limitations on retaining information only apply to allowed transactions.

Accordingly, the system of records is modified as provided below.

Dated: January 12, 2001.

Stephen R. Colgate,

Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

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SYSTEM NAME

National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

ACTION

The system notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65223), and amended on December 14, 2000 (65 FR 78190), is further amended as follows:

1. In the section titled ''Categories of Individuals Covered by the System,'' subsection L is amended by changing the fourth and fifth sentences so that the subsection now reads as follows:

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM

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L. Has applied for the transfer of a firearm or for a firearms-related permit or license and has had his or her name forwarded to the NICS as part of a request for a NICS background check. (Identifying information about this category of individuals is maintained for system administration and security purposes in the ''NICS Audit Log,'' a system transaction log described below under the headings ''CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM'' and ''RETENTION AND DISPOSAL.'' Identifying information may also be maintained in appeals files for those individuals who have requested the reason for a denial or delay from the FBI, or from a law enforcement agency serving as a POC, and/or challenged the accuracy or validity of a disqualifying record or otherwise inquired about a NICS transaction. In cases of allowed transfers, all information in the NICS Audit Log related to the person or the transfer, other than the NICS Transaction Number (a unique number assigned to each valid background request inquiry) assigned to the transfer and the date the number was assigned, will be destroyed after not more than 90 days after the transfer is allowed, provided that such information may be retained for a longer period if necessary to pursue identified cases of misuse of the system. In such cases, the system will not contain any details about the type of firearm which is the subject of the proposed transfer (other than the fact that it is a handgun or long gun) or whether a sale or transfer of a firearm has actually taken place.)

2. The section titled ''Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses'' is amended by adding a new subparagraph (''J'') at the end to read as follows:

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES

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J. Information in the NICS Audit Log (including records of approved and denied transfers) may be disclosed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) in connection with