

The Advisory Council, called for under Section 6007 of Public Law 102-240, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, December 18, 1991, and chartered on June 19, 1995, was created to advise the Director of BTS on transportation statistics and analyses, including whether or not the statistics and analysis disseminated by the Bureau are of high quality and are based upon the best available objective information.

The agenda for this meeting will include, Director's programs update, data quality issues, safety conference, Committee on Transportation Statistics (CTSTAT), identification of substantive issues, review of plans and schedule, other items of interest, discussion and agreement of date(s) for subsequent meetings, and comments from the floor.

Since access to the DOT building is controlled, all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Lillian "Pidge" Chapman, Council Liaison, on (202) 366-1270 prior to April 5, 2000. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. With the approval of the Chair, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements, obtain information, or who plan to access the building to attend the meeting should also contact Ms. Chapman.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Council at any time.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Chapman (202) 366-1270 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 22, 2000.

**Ashish Sen,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB review; comment request

March 24, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be

addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 1, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

### Financial Management Service (FMS)

*OMB Number:* 1510-0008.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Pools and Associations—Annual Letter.

*Description:* The information is collected for the determination of an acceptable percentage for each pool and association to allow Treasury certified companies credit on their Schedule F for authorized ceded reinsurance in determining the companies underwriting limitations.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour, 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 150 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0013.

*Form Number:* FMS Form 2208.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* States Where Licensed for Surety.

*Description:* Information is collected from insurance companies in order to provide Federal bond approving officers with this information. The listing of states, by company, appear in Treasury's Circular 570, "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds."

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 318.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 318 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Juanita Holder, Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Room 144, PGP II, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7860.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 23, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 1, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-0013.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 56.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship.

*Description:* Form 56 is used to inform the IRS that a person is acting for another person in a fiduciary capacity so that the IRS may mail tax notices to the fiduciary concerning the person for whom he/she is acting. The data is used to ensure that the fiduciary relationship is established or terminated and to mail or discontinue mailing designated tax notices to the fiduciary.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 25,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping: 8 min.

Learning about the law or the form: 32 min.

Preparing the form: 46 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS: 15 min.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 292,800 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0892.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8300.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business.

*Description:* Anyone in a trade or business who, in the course of such trade or business, receives more than \$10,000 in cash or foreign currency in one or more related transactions must report it to the IRS and provide a

statement to the payor. Any transaction which must be reported under Title 31 on Form 4789 is exempted from reporting the same transaction on Form 8300.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, farms, Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 46,800.

*Estimated Burden Hours per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 21 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 63,539 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1225.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 5310-A.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Notice of Plan Merger or Consolidation, Spinoff, or Transfer of Plan Assets or Liabilities; Notice of Qualified Separate Lines of Business.

*Description:* Plan administrators are required to notify IRS of any plan mergers, consolidations, spinoffs, or

transfer of plan assets or liabilities to another plan. Employers are required to notify IRS of separate lines of business for their deferred compensation plans. Form 5310-A is used to make these notifications.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 15,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS
Part I .....	1 hr., 26 min .....	1 hr., 35 min .....	1 hr., 41 min.
Part II .....	3 hr., 50 min .....	12 min .....	16 min.
Part III .....	4 hr., 32 min .....	35 min .....	42 min.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 142,800 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; (202) 395-7860.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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Libya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen, Republic of

Dated: March 23, 2000.

**Philip West,**

*International Tax Counsel (Tax Policy).*

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U.S. Customs Service, at (202) 927-3296.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The vision of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) is to establish a Trade Compliance Process that achieves high levels of compliance and reduces the cycle time required for imports to clear Customs. The National Customs Automation Program Prototype (NCAP/P) is the prototype for the first implementation of this automated process.

On March 27, 1997, Customs published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 14731) announcing its intention to implement the NCAP/P on a test basis; on August 21, 1998, Customs published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 44949) a notice which modified the test with updated procedures and which replaced the previous notice. On October 15, 1998, Customs also published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 55426) a notice announcing the proposed expansion of the prototype to five additional ports of entry.

The NCAP/P plan called for a four-stage implementation of new cargo processing features over a period of up to three years. The NCAP/P commenced on April 27, 1998, with the implementation of the cargo release stage. On October 13, 1998, Customs implemented the second stage which provided for cargo release with examination. On February 10, 2000, Customs published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 6688) advising the public that, due to the cessation of necessary funding, the NCAP/P would conclude 30 days after publication of the notice and that, from that day

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott**

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Bahrain  
Iraq  
Kuwait

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

### **Customs Service**

#### **Continuation of the National Customs Automation Program Prototype**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that funding has been made available to Customs for the continued operation of the National Customs Automation Program Prototype (NCAP/P). Consequently, notwithstanding publication of a recent notice announcing a scheduled termination of the NCAP/P due to a cessation of funding, funds have been made available and therefore the NCAP/P has remained in operation. The NCAP/P will continue to operate for the previously approved participants as long as funding remains available. Customs is no longer accepting new applications for participation in NCAP/P.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Keith Fleming, U.S. Customs Service, at (202) 927-1049, or Virginia Noordewier,