

in determining a root cause of such event.

BTS will collect close call reports submitted by railroad employees, develop an analytical database containing the reported data and other pertinent information, and protect the confidentiality of these data through its own statute (49 U.S.C. 111(i)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). The database will be a valuable tool to railroad carriers and the FRA in their effort to identify safety issues and provide corrective measures before an accident occurs.

Voluntary reporting of close calls to a confidential system can provide a tool to identify and correct weaknesses in railroad safety systems before an accident actually occurs. The C³RS demonstration project will foster a voluntary, cooperative, non-punitive environment to communicate safety concerns. Through the analysis of close calls the FRA and the railroad community will receive information about factors that may contribute to unsafe events and the error recovery mechanisms that prevented an adverse consequence from occurring. Such information can be used to develop new training programs, identify root causes of potentially adverse events, assess risk and allocate resources to address those risks more efficiently. The database will also provide other users such as rail safety researchers with valuable information regarding precursors to safety risks and contribute to research and development of intervention programs aimed at preventing accidents and fatalities.

III. Request for Comments

BTS requests comments on any aspects of these information collections, including: (1) The accuracy of the estimated burden; (2) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (3) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the information collected, including additional use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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William Bannister,

Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 20, 2006.

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 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 30, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Financial Management Service

OMB Number: 1510-0037.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Voucher for Payment of Awards.

Form: FMS form 5135.

Description: Awards certified to Treasury are paid annual as funds are received from foreign governments. Vouchers are mailed to award holders showing payments due. Award holders sign vouchers certifying that he/she is entitled to payment.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 700 hours.

Clearance Officer: Jiovannah Diggs, (202) 874-7662, Financial Management Service, Room 144, 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Michael A. Robinson,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices—Office of International Investment; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of International Investment within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of the Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons, 31 CFR 800.402.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 26, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Gay Sills, Director, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220—(202) 622-1860.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Jack Dempsey, Economist, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220—(202) 622-1860; or Francine McNulty Barber, Senior Counsel, Department of the Treasury, Room 2014, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20220—(202) 622-1947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

OMB Number: 1505-0121.

Abstract: The information request in this proposed collection is contained in 31 CFR 800.402. The information collected under these regulations is used by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury, Commerce and Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistants to the President for National Security, National Economic Policy, and Science and Technology. The President has delegated to CFIUS the President's authority under section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 to determine the effects on the national security of acquisitions proposed or pending after the date of enactment (August 23, 1988) by or with foreign persons that could result in foreign control of persons engaged in

interstate commerce in the United States.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Foreign businesses and foreign individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 65.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: This varies, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 3900 hours.

Requests For Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will

be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) ways to

minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Francine McNulty Barber,

Senior Counsel, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs.

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