

criteria for which recipients will be selected for a post-award compliance review. This chapter also includes a flow chart of the compliance review process.

Complaints

Chapter IX of the proposed circular described how FTA will respond to complaints of discrimination under Title VI that are filed with FTA against a recipient or subrecipient of FTA funds.

Comments: Four organizations commented on the provisions in this chapter. Two commenters asked for more information on when and in what format FTA will notify the public of its procedures for accepting and investigating Title VI complaints. Another commenter stated that FTA should require that recipients have free and fair access to complaints filed against them and that FTA have a standard to determine when a complaint is timely and that grant recipients have sufficient time to respond to the complaint. Another commenter stated that favorable reviews of recipients' Title VI programs should have some bearing in expediting FTA action on Title VI complaints.

FTA response: FTA's Office of Civil Rights handles Title VI complaints pursuant to the regulations at 49 CFR Section 21.11 and using guidance contained in the "Investigation Procedures Manual for the Investigation and Resolution of Complaints Alleging Violations of Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Statutes." This manual was published by DOJ's Civil Rights Division and can be found at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/cor/coord/invmanual.htm>. In addition, DOT's Office of Civil Rights is developing an External Civil Rights Complaint Processing Manual that contains guidance modeled after the DOJ manual. Once this document is finalized FTA will investigate discrimination complaints based on the procedures contained therein. In general, and pursuant to the guidance in the DOJ manual, timely complaints are those filed within 180 days of the occurrence of the alleged discrimination. FTA strives to balance the need to promptly investigate and resolve discrimination complaints with the need to give recipients adequate time to respond to allegations of discrimination. In practice, FTA's Office of Civil Rights typically asks recipients to respond to a complaint within 30 to 60 days of the date of the request.

In addition, the final circular has been modified to state that once the complainant agrees to release the

complaint to the recipient or subrecipient, FTA will provide the agency with the complaint. If the complainant does not agree to release the complaint to the recipient or subrecipient, FTA may administratively close the complaint (see Chapter IX, Section 2).

Effecting Compliance

Chapter X of the proposed circular outlined FTA's procedures for effecting compliance when it determines that a grantee is in noncompliance with Title VI.

Comments: Two entities commented on the provisions in this chapter. The commenters stated that FTA should identify in this chapter or elsewhere its own commitment to Title VI and provide a benchmark for grantees and the public as to what they can expect regarding diligent enforcement. The commenters also stated that relevant parts of the Supreme Court's decision in *Alexander v. Sandoval*, 532 U.S. 275 (2001), be discussed in the circular. In this decision, the Supreme Court foreclosed a private right of action to enforce DOJ and DOT regulations. The commenters stated that, given the outcome of this decision, FTA should verify if there are limitations to the "Judicial Review" procedures discussed in Chapter X, Section 3.

FTA response: Both the proposed circular and the final circular contain detailed guidelines as to when and under what circumstances FTA will initiate proceedings. The guidance in this Chapter is consistent with the requirement at 49 CFR Section 21.9(a) that the primary means of effecting compliance with Title VI is through voluntary compliance agreements with the recipients and that fund suspension or termination or referrals to DOJ are means of last resort. These guidelines should also allow FTA to balance its duty to permit informal resolution of findings of noncompliance against its duty to effectuate, without undue delay, the prohibition of continued assistance to programs or activities that discriminate.

The final circular does not incorporate language from the *Sandoval* decision; however, FTA is aware that, pursuant to this decision, filing an administrative complaint with a recipient or with FTA is the only recourse for individuals alleging that a recipient has engaged in disparate impact discrimination in violation of the 49 CFR Section 21.5(b)(2). FTA takes seriously its obligation to provide due process to parties involved in such complaints as well as its obligation to set clear expectations for recipients on

how to avoid disparate impact discrimination.

Appendices

The proposed circular included three checklists that listed the reporting requirements that should be prepared and submitted to FTA.

Comments: Four entities commented on these appendices. Two commenters stated that the checklists were beneficial tools and that it would be helpful to add to the charts a column that referenced the specific sections of the regulations that the reporting requirements apply to. Another commenter stated that Appendix A should identify the FTA Office to which a recipient or subrecipient should submit the information and another commenter stated that it would be helpful to add an index.

FTA response: The final circular includes appendices that have been modified consistent with these comments (see Circular 4702.1A, Appendices A, B, and C) and includes an index.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 6th day of April 2007.

James S. Simpson,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 9, 2007.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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 14, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

OMB Number: 1513-XXXX.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without an OMB Control Number.

Title: Distilled Spirits Bond.

Form: TTB 5110.56.

Description: TTB F 5110.56 is used by proprietors of Distilled Spirits Plants (DSPs) and Alcohol Fuel Plants to file bond coverage with TTB. Using this form, these proprietors may file coverage and/or withdraw coverage for one plant or multiple plants. With this form proprietors of DSPs may also provide operations coverage for adjacent wine cellars. The bond may be secured through a surety company or it may be secured with collateral (cash, Treasury Bonds or Treasury Notes). The bond protects the revenue by ensuring adequate assets are available to pay tax liabilities.

Respondents: Business and other for profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 232 hours.

Clearance Officer: Frank Foote, (202) 927-9347, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Room 200 East, 1310 G. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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; Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC., on May 1, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Bond Market Association (to be known upon amendment of its charter as the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association).

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and Pub. L. 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C.

App. 2 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Pub. L. 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions, financing estimates and technical charts. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections and technical charts. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Karthik Ramahnathan, Director, Office of Debt Management, at (202) 622-2042.

Dated: April 6, 2007.

Anthony W. Ryan,

Assistant Secretary Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6524

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6524, Office of Chief Counsel—Application.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 12, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-6665, or through the internet at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Office of Chief Counsel—Application.

OMB Number: 1545-0796.

Form Number: 6524.

Abstract: Form 6524 is used as a screening device to evaluate an applicant's qualifications for employment as an attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel. It provides data deemed critical for evaluating an applicant's qualifications such as Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score, bar admission status, type of work preference, law school, and class standing.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.