

information is used by the Board to forecast labor costs and measure the efficiency of the reporting railroads. The information is also used by the Board to evaluate the impact on rail employees of proposed regulated transactions, including mergers and consolidations, acquisitions of control, purchases, and abandonments. Other Federal agencies and industry groups, including the Railroad Retirement Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Association of American Railroads, use the information contained in these reports to monitor railroad operations. Certain information from these reports is compiled and published on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. The information contained in these reports is not available from any other source.

#### Collection Number 6

*Title:* Annual Report of Cars Loaded and Cars Terminated.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0011.

*Form Number:* Form STB-54.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Class I railroads.

*Number of Respondents:* Fewer than 10.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Total Annual Hour Burden:* 28 hours annually.

*Total Annual "Non-Hour Burden"*

*Cost:* No "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection have been identified.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection reports the number of cars loaded and cars terminated on the reporting carrier's line. See 49 CFR part 1247. Information in this report is entered into the Board's URCS, the uses of which are explained under Collection Number 1. There is no other source for the information contained in this report.

#### Collection Number 7

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-000.

*Title:* Quarterly Report of Freight Commodity Statistics (Form QCS).

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Class I railroads.

*Number of Respondents:* Fewer than 10.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 217 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Quarterly, with an annual summation.

*Total Annual Hour Burden:* 6,076 hours annually.

*Total Annual "Non-Hour Burden"*

*Cost:* No "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection have been identified.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection, which is based on information contained in carload waybills used by railroads in the ordinary course of business, reports car loadings and total revenues by commodity code for each commodity that moved on the railroad during the reporting period. See 49 CFR part 1248. Information in this report is entered into the Board's URCS, the uses of which are explained under Collection Number 1. There is no other source for the information contained in this report.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, Federal agencies are required, prior to submitting a collection to OMB for approval, to provide a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

**Anne K. Quinlan,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on revisions of two information collections that are proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form BC, Report of U.S. Dollar Claims of Depository Institutions, Brokers, and Dealers on Foreigners; and Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form BL-1, Report of U.S. Dollar Liabilities of Depository Institutions, Brokers, and Dealers to Foreigners.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 14, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by e-mail ([comments2tic@do.treas.gov](mailto:comments2tic@do.treas.gov)), FAX (202-622-2009) or telephone (202-622-1276).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are available on the Treasury's TIC Forms Web page, <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.html>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Titles:** Treasury International Capital Form BC, Report of U.S. Dollar Claims of Depository Institutions, Brokers, and Dealers on Foreigners; and Treasury Capital Form BL-1, Report of U.S. Dollar Liabilities of Depository Institutions, Brokers, and Dealers to Foreigners.

*OMB Control Numbers:* 1505-0017 and 1505-0019.

*Abstracts:* Forms BC and BL-1 are part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR 128) for the purpose of providing timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BC is a monthly report that covers own U.S. dollar claims of banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers vis-a-vis foreign residents. Form BL-1 is a monthly report that covers own U.S. dollar liabilities of banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers vis-a-vis foreign residents. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts and the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

*Current Actions:* None. We expect to make some clarifications in the instructions.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Form BC (1505-0017).*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 283.

*Estimated Average Time per Respondent:* Ten hours per respondent per filing. This average time varies from 18 hours for the approximately 30 major

reporters to 9 hours for the other reporters.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 33,800 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

*Form BL-1 (1505-0019).*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 349.

*Estimated Average Time per Respondent:* Seven and one-tenth (7.1) hours per respondent per filing. This average time varies from 13 hours for the approximately 30 major reporters to 6.5 hours for the other reporters.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 29,560 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether Forms BC and BL-1 are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information will have practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above estimate of the burdens; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

**Dwight Wolkow,**

*Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comment Requests**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on revisions of an information collection that are proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form BL-2, Report by Depository Institutions,

Brokers and Dealers of Customers' U.S. Dollar Liabilities to Foreigners.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 14, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by e-mail (*comments2tic@do.treas.gov*), FAX (202-622-2009) or telephone (202-622-1276).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are available on the Treasury's TIC Forms Web page, <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.html>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Titles:* Treasury International Capital Form BL-2, Report by Depository Institutions, Brokers and Dealers of Customers' U.S. Dollar Liabilities to Foreigners.

*OMB Control Number:* 1505-0018.

*Abstract:* Form BL-2 is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR 128) and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BL-2 is a monthly report (with a semiannual supplement) filed by banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers that covers their U.S. customers' dollar liabilities vis-à-vis foreign residents. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts and the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

*Current Actions:* None. We expect to make some clarifications in the instructions.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations. Form BL-2 (1505-0018).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 94.

*Estimated Average Time per Respondent:* Seven and nine-tenths (7.9) hours per respondent per filing. This average time varies from 12 hours for the approximately 30 major reporters to 6 hours for the other reporters.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8,930 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether Form BL-2 is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information will have practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above estimate of the burdens; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

**Dwight Wolkow,**

*Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Departmental Offices; 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 burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on revisions of an information collection that are proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BQ-1, Report by Depository Institutions, Brokers and Dealers of Customers' U.S. Dollar Claims on Foreigners.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 14, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by e-mail (*comments2tic@do.treas.gov*), FAX (202-622-2009) or telephone (202-622-1276).