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customer orders. The Cancellation Fee would continue to apply to Professional AON orders in all symbols, both Select Symbols and non-Select Symbols, and it would continue to not apply to any other type of Professional order.

The Exchange recently amended the Fee Schedule to remove the Cancellation Fee for customer orders in the Select Symbols.<sup>6</sup> The Exchange believes the Cancellation Fee is no longer required for customers to cover the cost of system utilization. In addition, the requirement to mark Professional orders has also alleviated some of the capacity issues that resulted from customer cancel orders.7 The Exchange believes that removing the Cancellation Fee for customer orders is appropriate because the concerns with system congestion have been alleviated by the requirement to mark Professional orders.

While changes to the Exchange's Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated this proposal to be operative for trades occurring on or after January 3, 2011.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>8</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>9</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes that the proposed amendments to the customer Cancellation Fee are reasonable because they are no longer required to recover costs associated with excessive order cancellation activity. The Exchange believes that there should not be increased system congestion as a result of removing the customer Cancellation Fee.

The Exchange believes that the Cancellation Fee is still necessary with respect to Professional AON orders because those orders are treated as customer orders for purposes of priority. Member organizations must indicate whether orders are for Professionals. The Exchange believes that this requirement to mark an order as Professional has shifted the source of the system congestion from customer orders to Professional AON orders. Continuing to assess a Cancellation Fee for Professional AON orders in all symbols should continue to ease system congestion and allow the Exchange to recover costs associated with excessive order cancellation activity.

# B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b–4<sup>11</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

## **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

## Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–Phlx–2010–179 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–Phlx–010–179. This file number should be included on the

subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission,<sup>12</sup> all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2010–179 and should be submitted on or January 19, 2011.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{\rm 13}$ 

## Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

## Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Proposed Routine Use

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Proposed routine use.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (e)(11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to add a new routine use to our system of records entitled *Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, 60–0058* (the Enumeration System). The routine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63252 (November 5, 2010), 75 FR 69486 (November 12, 2010) (SR–Phlx–2010–150).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61802 (April 5, 2010), 75 FR 17193 (March 30, 2010) (SR– Phlx–2010–05).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>915</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The text of the proposed rule change is available on Exchange's Web site at *http:// nasdaqtrader.com/micro.aspx?id=PHLXfilings*, on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.sec.gov*, at Phlx, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

<sup>13 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

use to the Enumeration System will allow us, upon request of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Agriculture's National Finance Center (NFC), Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents that administer the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) to verify the name, SSN, and date of birth, and confirm whether citizenship allegations match information in our records for the purposes of determining eligibility for PCIP.

We discuss the routine use in greater detail in the SUPPLEMENTARY **INFORMATION** section below. We invite public comment on this proposal. **DATES:** We filed a report of the routine use with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on December 17, 2010. The routine use will become effective January 26, 2011 unless we receive comments before that date that require further consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may comment on this publication by writing to the Acting Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, Room 3–A–6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235– 6401 or through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at *http:// www.regulations.gov.* All comments we receive will be available for public inspection at the above address and will be posted to *http://www.regulations.gov.* 

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Tookes, Management Analyst, Disclosure Policy Development and Services Division 2, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 3–A–6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235–6401, telephone: (410) 966–0097, e-mail: anthony.tookes@ssa.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Background and Purpose of the Routine Use

## *A. Disclosure of Citizenship Data for the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan*

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–148), which requires HHS to establish a PCIP that

will operate and be in effect from June 21, 2010 until January 1, 2014, when each State will have established an American Health Benefit Exchange. The PCIP is a temporary health insurance program that will provide immediate access to insurance for uninsured persons with a pre-existing condition. HHS is responsible for overall administration of the PCIP, but may carry out the program through contracts with the States and nonprofit entities. For those States that have opted not to contract with HHS to establish their own program under the PCIP, HHS has delegated PCIP eligibility determination authority to NFC and OPM.

Under the Affordable Care Act, we must verify certain information upon request from HHS, States, or their respective contractors or agents. We will verify each applicant's name, SSN, and date of birth, and confirm whether allegations of citizenship match information in our records. HHS, NFC, OPM, and the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents administering the PCIP, are responsible for resolving any information discrepancies with the applicant. If there is a discrepancy with the allegation of citizenship in our records, NFC, the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents, will notify the applicant or HHS of the discrepancy. If we cannot confirm citizenship, HHS, NFC, the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents, will verify citizenship with the Department of Homeland Security.

## **II. Proposed New Routine Use**

A. Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan

The Privacy Act requires that agencies publish in the **Federal Register**, notification of "each routine use of the records contained in the system, including the categories of users and the purpose of such use." 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)(D). This new routine use, numbered 44, for the Enumeration System, will allow disclosure to HHS, NFC, OPM, and the States, or the States' contractors or agents charged with administering the PCIP. The routine use reads as follows:

To the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Agriculture's National Finance Center, Office of Personnel Management, and the States or the States' respective contractors or agents charged with administering the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP), to verify personal identification data (*i.e.*, name, SSN, and date of birth) and to confirm citizenship status information in our records to assist these entities in determining applicants' entitlement to benefits under the PCIP.

## **III. Compatibility of Routine Use**

We may disclose information when the purpose is compatible with the purpose for which we collected the information and when re-disclosure is supported by published routine uses (20 CFR 401.150). HHS, NFC, OPM, and the States or the States' respective contractors or agents will use the information to assist them in determining new applicants entitlement to the benefits under the PCIP. We will assist these entities in implementing the PCIP, in order to detect and deter conduct that violates section 208(a)(7) of the Social Security Act, and support the effective and efficient administration of PCIP by providing verification services and citizenship status information to these entities and their contractors or agents via this routine use. For these reasons, we find that providing SSN verification and citizenship confirmation services to HHS, NFC, OPM, States, or their respective contractors or agents that administer the PCIP, satifies both the statutory and regulatory compatibility requirements.

# IV. Effect of the Routine Use on the Rights of Persons

With this routine use, we can verify identification data for HHS, NFC, OPM, the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents. They will use the data to assist them in determining applicants' entitlement to benefits provided by PCIP. We will adhere to all applicable statutory requirements for disclosure, including those under the Social Security Act and the Privacy Act. We will disclose SSN verification information, including confirming citizenship status information in our records, to HHS, NFC, OPM, the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents, under written agreements that stipulate that they will collect, verify, and re-disclose SSNs and related data only as provided for by Federal law. We will also safeguard from unauthorized access the data we receive from these entities. Thus, we do not anticipate that the routine use will have any unwarranted adverse effect on the rights of persons about whom we will disclose information.

Dated: December 14, 2010. Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner.

### Social Security Administration

Notice of Proposed New Routine Use; Required by the Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended

#### System Number: 60-0058

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, Social Security Administration (SSA).

### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

#### SYSTEM LOCATION:

SSA, Office of Telecommunications and Systems Operations, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235.

## CATEGORIES OF PERSONS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

This system contains a record of each person who has applied for, and to whom we have assigned, a Social Security number (SSN). This system also contains records of each person who applied for an SSN, but to whom we did not assign one, for one of the following reasons: (1) His or her application was supported by documents that we suspect may be fraudulent and we are verifying the documents with the issuing agency; (2) we have determined the person submitted fraudulent documents; (3) we do not suspect fraud, but we need to further verify information the person submitted or we need additional supporting documents; or (4) we have not yet completed processing the application.

## CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

We collect applications for SSNs. This system contains all of the information we received on the applications for SSNs (*e.g.*, name, date and place of birth, sex, both parents' names, and race/ethnicity data). If the application for an SSN is for a person under the age of 18, we also maintain the SSNs of the parents. The system also contains:

• Changes in the information on the applications the SSN holders submit;

• Information from applications supported by evidence we suspect or determine to be fraudulent, along with the mailing addresses of the persons who filed such applications and descriptions of the documentation they submitted;

• Cross-references when multiple numbers have been issued to the same person; • A form code that identifies the Form SS–5 (Application for a Social Security Card Number) as the application the person used for the initial issuance of an SSN, or for changing the identifying information (*e.g.*, a code indicating original issuance of the SSN, or that we assigned the person's SSN through our enumeration at birth program);

• A citizenship code that identifies the number holder's status as a U.S. citizen or the work authorization of a non-citizen;

• A special indicator code that identifies types of questionable data or special circumstances concerning an application for an SSN (*e.g.*, false identity; illegal alien; scrambled earnings);

• An indication that an SSN was assigned based on harassment, abuse, or life endangerment; and

• An indication that a person has filed a benefit claim under a particular SSN.

## AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Sections 205(a) and 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(a) and 405(c)(2)).

## PURPOSE:

We use information in this system to assign SSNs and for a number of administrative purposes:

• For various Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare/ Medicaid claims purposes, including using the SSN itself as a case control number, as a secondary beneficiary cross-reference control number for enforcement purposes, for verification of claimant identity factors, and for other claims purposes related to establishing benefit entitlement;

• To prevent the processing of an SSN card application for a person whose application we identified was supported by evidence that either:

• We suspect may be fraudulent and we are verifying evidence; or

• We determined to be fraudulent information.

We alert our offices when an applicant who attempts to obtain an SSN card visits other offices to find one that might unknowingly accept fraudulent documentation;

• As a basic control for retained earnings information;

• As a basic control and data source to prevent us from issuing multiple SSNs;

• As a means to identify reported names or SSNs on earnings reports;

• For resolution of earnings discrepancy cases; and

• For statistical studies.

The information also is provided to: • Our Office of the Inspector General, Office of Audit, for auditing benefit payments under Social Security programs;

• The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of Child Support Enforcement, for locating parents who owe child support;

• The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for epidemiological research studies required by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1974;

• The DHHS Office of Refugee Resettlement for administering Cuban refugee assistance payments;

• The DHHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for administering Titles XVIII and XIX claims;

• The Secretary of the Treasury for use in administering those provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) that grant tax benefits based on support for or residence of children. The IRC provisions apply specifically to SSNs that parents provide to us on applications for persons who are not yet age 18.

#### ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Routine use disclosures are as indicated below; however, we will not disclose any information defined as "return or return information" under 26 U.S.C. 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code, unless authorized by statute, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or IRS regulations.

1. To employers in order to complete their records for reporting wages to us pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and section 218 of the Social Security Act.

2. To Federal, State, and local entities to assist them with administering income maintenance and healthmaintenance programs, when a Federal statute authorizes them to use the SSN.

3. To the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorney's Offices, and to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Secret Service, for investigating and prosecuting violations of the Social Security Act.

4. To the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, for identifying and locating aliens in the United States pursuant to requests received under section 290(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1360(b)).

5. To a contractor for the purpose of collating, evaluating, analyzing,

aggregating, or otherwise refining records. We require the contractor to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.

6. To the Railroad Retirement Board to:

(a) Administer provisions of the Railroad Retirement and Social Security Act relating to railroad employment; and

(b) Administer the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

7. To the Department of Energy for its epidemiological research study of the long-term effects of low-level radiation exposure, as permitted by our regulations at 20 CFR 401.150(c).

8. To the Department of the Treasury for:

(a) Tax administration as defined in section 6103 of the IRC (26 U.S.C. 6103);

(b) Investigating the alleged theft, forgery, or unlawful negotiation of Social Security checks; and

(c) Administering those sections of the IRC that grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children. As required by section 1090(b) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law 105–34, this routine use applies specifically to the SSNs of parents shown on an application for an SSN for a person who has not yet attained age 18.

9. To a congressional office in response to an inquiry from that office made at the request of the subject of a record or a third party on that person's behalf.

10. To the Department of State for administering the Social Security Act in foreign countries through its facilities and services.

11. To the American Institute, a private corporation under contract to the Department of State, for administering the Social Security Act on Taiwan through facilities and services of that agency.

12. To the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Regional Office, Manila, Philippines, for administering the Social Security Act in the Philippines and other parts of the Asia-Pacific region through facilities and services of the DVA, Manila.

13. To the Department of Labor for: (a) Administering provisions of the

Black Lung Benefits Act; and (b) Conducting studies of the

effectiveness of training programs to combat poverty.

14. To Department Veterans Affairs:

(a) To validate SSNs of compensation recipients/pensioners so that DVA can release accurate pension/compensation data to us for Social Security program purposes; and

(b) Upon request, for purposes of determining eligibility for, or amount of

DVA benefits, or verifying other information with respect thereto.

15. To Federal agencies that use the SSN as a numerical identifier in their recordkeeping systems for the purpose of validating SSNs.

16. To DOJ, a court, other tribunal, or another party before such court or tribunal when:

(a) SSA or any of our components; or (b) Any SSA employee in his or her official capacity; or

(c) Any SSA employee in his or her individual capacity when DOJ (or SSA when we are authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or

(d) The United States or any agency thereof when we determine that the litigation is likely to affect the operations of SSA or any of our components, is party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and we determine that the use of such records by DOJ, a court, other tribunal, or another party before such court or tribunal is relevant and necessary to the litigation. In each case, however, we must determine that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which we collected the records.

17. To State audit agencies for auditing State supplementation payments and Medicaid eligibility considerations.

18. To the Social Security agency of a foreign country to carry out the purpose of an international Social Security agreement entered into between the United States and the other country, pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act.

19. To Federal, State, or local agencies (or agents on their behalf) for the purpose of validating SSNs those agencies use to administer cash or noncash income maintenance programs or health maintenance programs, including programs under the Social Security Act.

20. To third party contacts (*e.g.*, State bureaus of vital statistics and the Department of Homeland Security) that issue documents to persons when the third party has, or is expected to have, information that will verify documents when we are unable to determine if such documents are authentic.

21. To DOJ, Criminal Division, Office of Special Investigations, upon receipt of a request for information pertaining to the identity and location of aliens for the purpose of detecting, investigating, and, when appropriate, taking legal action against suspected Nazi war criminals in the United States.

22. To the Selective Service System for the purpose of enforcing draft registration pursuant to the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 462, as amended by section 916 of Pub. L. 97–86).

23. To contractors and other Federal agencies, as necessary, to assist us in efficiently administering our programs.

24. To organizations or agencies, such as prison systems, required by Federal law to furnish us with validated SSN information.

25. To the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906, as amended by the NARA Act of 1984, information that is not restricted from disclosure by Federal law for their use in conducting records management studies.

26. To DVA or third parties under contract to DVA to disclose SSNs and dates of birth for the purpose of conducting DVA medical research and epidemiological studies.

27. To the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) upon receipt of a request from that agency in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 8347(m)(3), to disclose SSN information when OPM needs the information to administer its pension program for retired Federal Civil Service employees.

28. To the Department of Education, upon request, to verify SSNs that students provide to postsecondary educational institutions, as required by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091).

29. To student volunteers, persons working under a personal services contract, and others, when they need access to information in our records in order to perform their assigned agency duties.

30. To Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and private security contractors, as appropriate, information necessary:

(a) To enable them to ensure the safety of our employees and customers, the security of our workplace, and the operation of our facilities; or

(b) To assist investigations or prosecutions with respect to activities that affect such safety and security or activities that disrupt the operation of our facilities.

31. To recipients of erroneous Death Master File (DMF) information, to disclose corrections to information that resulted in erroneous inclusion of persons in the DMF.

32. To State vital records and statistics agencies, the SSNs of newborn children for administering public health and income maintenance programs, including conducting statistical studies and evaluation projects.

33. To State motor vehicle administration agencies (MVA), and to State agencies charged with administering State identification card programs (ICP) for the public, to verify names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers on those persons who apply for, or for whom the State issues, driver's licenses or State identification cards.

34. To entities conducting epidemiological or similar research projects, upon request, pursuant to section 1106(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(d)), to disclose information as to whether a person is alive or deceased, provided that:

(a) We determine, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, that the research may reasonably be expected to contribute to a national health interest;

(b) The requester agrees to reimburse us for the costs of providing the information; and

(c) The requester agrees to comply with any safeguards and limitations we specify regarding re-release or redisclosure of the information.

35. To employers in connection with a pilot program, conducted with the Department of Homeland Security under 8 U.S.C. 1324a(d)(4), to test methods of verifying that persons are authorized to work in the United States. We will inform an employer participating in such pilot program that the identifying data (SSN, name, and date of birth) furnished by an employer concerning a particular employee match, or do not match, the data maintained in this system of records, and when there is such a match, that information in this system of records indicates that the employee is, or is not, a citizen of the United States.

36. To a State Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) that is authorized by States to issue electronic death reports when the State BVS requests that we verify the SSN of a person on whom the State will file an electronic death report after we verify the SSN.

37. To the Department of Defense (DOD) to disclose validated SSN information and citizenship status information for the purpose of assisting DOD in identifying those members of the Armed Forces and military enrollees who are aliens or non-citizen nationals who may qualify for expedited naturalization or citizenship processing. These disclosures will be made pursuant to requests made under section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1440, as executed by Executive Order 13269.

38. To a Federal, State, or congressional support agency (*e.g.,* Congressional Budget Office and the Congressional Research Staff in the

Library of Congress) for research, evaluation, or statistical studies. Such disclosures include, but are not limited to, release of information in assessing the extent to which one can predict eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments or Social Security disability insurance benefits; in examining the distribution of Social Security benefits by economic and demographic groups and how these differences might be affected by possible changes in policy; analyzing the interaction of economic and noneconomic variables affecting entry and exit events and duration in the Title II Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance and the Title XVI SSI disability programs; and, analyzing retirement decisions focusing on the role of Social Security benefit amounts, automatic benefit recomputation, the delayed retirement credit, and the retirement test, but only after we:

(a) Determine that the routine use does not violate legal limitations under which the record was provided, collected, or obtained;

(b) Determine that the purpose for which the proposed use is to be made:

i. Cannot reasonably be accomplished, unless the record is provided in a form that identifies persons; and

ii. Is of sufficient importance to warrant the effect on, or risk to, the privacy of the person by such limited additional exposure of the record;

iii. Has reasonable probability that the objective of the use would be accomplished;

iv. Is of importance to the Social Security program or Social Security beneficiaries; or

v. Is of importance to the Social Security program or Social Security beneficiaries or is for an epidemiological research project that relates to the Social Security program or beneficiaries;

(c) Require the recipient of information to:

vi. Establish appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the record and agree to on-site inspection by SSA's personnel, its agents, or by independent agents of the recipient agency of those safeguards;

vii. Remove or destroy the identifying information at the earliest time consistent with the purpose of the project, unless the recipient receives written authorization from SSA that it is justified, based on research objectives, for retaining such information;

viii. Make no further use of the records except:

(1) Under emergency circumstances affecting the health and safety of any

person, following written authorization from us; or

(2) For disclosure to an identified person approved by us for the purpose of auditing the research project;

ix. Keep the data as a system of statistical records (a statistical record is one which is maintained only for statistical and research purposes, and which is not used to make any determination about a person);

(d) Secure a written statement by the recipient of the information attesting to the recipient's understanding of, and willingness to abide by, these provisions.

39. To State and Territory MVA officials (or agents or contractors on their behalf), and to State and Territory chief election officials to verify the accuracy of information the State agency provides with respect to applications for voter registration, when the applicant provides the last four digits of the SSN instead of a driver's license number.

40. To State and Territory MVA officials (or agents or contractors on their behalf), and to State and Territory chief election officials, under the provisions of section 205(r)(8) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)(8)), to verify the accuracy of information the State agency provides with respect to applications for voter registration for those persons who do not have a driver's license number:

(a) When the applicant provides the last four digits of the SSN, or

(b) When the applicant provides the full SSN, in accordance with section 7 of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a note), as described in section 303(a)(5)(D) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. (42 U.S.C. 15483(a)(5)(D))

41. To the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or to any State, any record or information requested in writing by the Secretary for the purpose of administering any program administered by the Secretary, if we disclosed records or information of such type under applicable rules, regulations, and procedures in effect before the date of enactment of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994.

42. To the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, entities, and persons when: (1) We suspect or confirm that the security or confidentiality of information in this system of records has been compromised; (2) we find, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, a risk of harm to economic or property interests, risk of identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or our other systems or programs that rely upon the compromised information; and (3) we determine that disclosing the information to such agencies, entities, and persons is necessary to assist in our efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

43. To State agencies charged with administering Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to verify personal identification data (*e.g.*, name, SSN, and date of birth) and to disclose citizenship status information to assist them in determining new applicants' entitlement to benefits provided by the CHIP.

44. To the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Agriculture's National Finance Center, Office of Personnel Management, the States, or the States' respective contractors or agents charged with administering the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP) to verify personal identification data (*e.g.*, name, SSN, and date of birth) and to confirm citizenship status information in our records to assist these agencies with determining applicants' entitlement to benefits under PCIP.

#### POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

#### STORAGE:

We maintain records in this system in paper form (Forms SS–5 (Application for a Social Security Card), and system generated forms); magnetic media (magnetic tape and disc with on-line access); in microfilm and microfiche form; and on electronic files (NUMIDENT and Alpha-Index).

#### RETRIEVABILITY:

We will retrieve records by both SSN and name. If we deny an application because the applicant submitted fraudulent evidence, or if we are verifying evidence we suspect to be fraudulent, we will retrieve records either by the applicant's name plus month and year of birth, or by the applicant's name plus the eleven-digit reference number of the disallowed application.

#### SAFEGUARDS:

We have established safeguards for automated records in accordance with our Systems Security Handbook. These safeguards include maintaining the magnetic tapes and discs within a secured enclosure attended by security guards. Anyone entering or leaving this enclosure must have a special badge we issue only to authorized personnel.

For computerized records, we or our contractors, including organizations

administering our programs under contractual agreements, transmit information electronically between Central Office and Field Office locations. Safeguards include a lock/ unlock password system, exclusive use of leased telephone lines, a terminaloriented transaction matrix, and an audit trail. Only authorized personnel who have a need for the records in the performance of their official duties may access microfilm, microfiche, and paper files.

We annually provide to all our employees and contractors appropriate security guidance and training that include reminders about the need to protect personally identifiable information and the criminal penalties that apply to unauthorized access to, or disclosure of, personally identifiable information. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1). Furthermore, employees and contractors with access to databases maintaining personally identifiable information must sign a sanction document annually, acknowledging their accountability for inappropriately accessing or disclosing such information.

#### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

We retain most paper forms only until we film and verify them for accuracy. We then shred the paper records. We retain electronic and updated microfilm and microfiche records indefinitely. We update all tape, discs, microfilm, and microfiche files periodically. We erase out-of-date magnetic tapes and discs and we shred out-of-date microfiches.

## SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Director, Division of Enumeration Verification and Death Alerts, Office of Earnings, Enumeration, and Administrative Systems, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

## NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Persons can determine if this system contains a record about them by writing to the system manager at the above address and providing their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them. Persons requesting notification by mail must include a notarized statement to us to verify their identity or must certify in the request that they are the person they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another person under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Persons requesting notification of records in person must provide their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them, as well as provide an identity document, preferably with a photograph, such as a driver's license. Persons lacking identification documents sufficient to establish their identity must certify in writing that they are the person they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another person under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Persons requesting notification by telephone must verify their identity by providing identifying information that parallels the information in the record about which notification is sought. If we determine that the identifying information the person provides by telephone is insufficient, we will require the person to submit a request in writing or in person. If a person requests information by telephone on behalf of another person, the subject person must be on the telephone with the requesting person and with us in the same phone call. We will establish the subject person's identity (his or her name, SSN, address, date of birth, and place of birth, along with one other piece of information such as mother's maiden name), and ask for his or her consent to provide information to the requesting person. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

## RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Persons must also reasonably specify the record contents they are seeking. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40(c).

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Persons must also reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting, and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction, with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate, or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.65(a).

#### **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

We obtain information in this system from SSN applicants (or persons acting on their behalf).

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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