

6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12375]

Computer Matching Agreement Between the Social Security Administration and the Department of State Office of Retirement

AGENCY: Department of State (DOS).

ACTION: Notice of New Matching Program.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration (SSA) will provide the Department of State, Office of Retirement (DOS) Social Security numbers (SSN) verifications and Social Security disability benefit information concerning disability annuitants who are receiving Foreign Service Disability Annuity. DOS will use the benefit information to determine the offset amount for Foreign Service Disability Annuity payments.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before June 18, 2024. The matching program will begin on June 18, 2024, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public that require modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the beginning date and may be extended an additional 12 months if the respective Data Integrity Boards determine that the matching program will be conducted without change; and DOS and SSA have conducted the matching program in compliance with the original agreement.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments via mail to: Edward Capers, Jr., Director, Department of State, Office of Retirement, Room SA–1 H620, 2401 E ST NW, Washington, DC 20522, telephone (202) 261–8960, or via email at CapersE@State.Gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Farrar, Deputy Director, Department of State, Office of Retirement, at (202) 261–8961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOS is required to reduce the Foreign Service

Disability annuities of individuals receiving Social Security disability benefits. DOS must rely on the annuitant to report the correct amount of Social Security benefits. However, DOS has found that many beneficiaries fail to report accurate information. Information from SSA is the most effective means available for verifying receipt and amount of Social Security disability benefits. The most cost-effective and efficient way to obtain this information is via the computer transfer matching process.

Participating Agencies: DOS and SSA.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: DOS's authority to participate in this matching program derives from the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder. Section 1106 of the Social Security Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 1306) and the regulations promulgated thereunder provide legal authority for SSA's disclosures in this agreement (20 CFR part 401). Section 7213 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA) (Pub. L. 108–458) provides SSA authority to add a death indicator to verification routines that the agency determines to be appropriate.

Purpose(s): The purpose of this matching program between DOS and SSA is to assist DOS in meeting its legal obligation to offset specific benefits payable by DOS to Foreign Service disability annuitants, child survivor annuitants, and spousal survivor annuitants. SSA will disclose to DOS benefit information regarding individuals who receive benefits from SSA under Title II of the Social Security Act, which DOS will use to determine an individual's eligibility to receive benefits from DOS and to compute the benefits it provides at the correct rate.

Categories of Individuals: The individuals about whom DOS maintains information that are involved in this matching program include retired Federal Foreign Service employees who are eligible or potentially eligible to receive a disability annuity from DOS (Foreign Service disability annuitants), and surviving children and surviving spouses of those Foreign Service disability annuitants who are themselves eligible or potentially eligible to receive an annuity from DOS. The individuals about whom SSA maintains information that are involved in this matching program include those who receive benefits from SSA under Title II of the Social Security Act.

Categories of Records: The categories of records involved in the data match from DOS include information about those individuals who have applied for or are eligible or potentially eligible for Foreign Service disability annuitant benefits. Specifically, full name, Social Security number (SSN), date of birth, and a system indicator required to extract information from SSA's systems. For those individuals for whom SSA has a record, SSA will provide DOS with information about an individual's beneficiary status and any associated benefit information; for those individuals for whom SSA cannot match the SSN, SSA will return an appropriate code to DOS.

System(s) of Records: SSA's systems of records involved in this matching program are designated the Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications (the Enumeration System), 60–0058, last fully published at 87 FR 263 on January 4, 2022. Master Beneficiary Record, 60–0090, last fully published on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1826) and amended on December 10, 2007 (72 FR 69723) July 5, 2013 (78 FR 40542), July 3, 2018 (83 FR 31250–31251), and November 1, 2018 (83 FR 54969). DOS will provide data from Human Resources Records, State-31, last fully published on July 19, 2013 (78 FR 43258). The information in these systems of records may be updated during the effective period of this agreement as required by the Privacy Act. The systems of records involved in this information exchange have routine uses permitting the disclosures needed to conduct this exchange.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12376]

Meeting on Implementation of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Environment Chapter and Biennial Review Under the United States-Singapore Memorandum of Intent on Environmental Cooperation

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of meetings and request for comments; invitation to public session.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are providing notice that the United States

and Singapore intend to hold a meeting on implementation of Chapter 18 (Environment) of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and a biennial review under the Memorandum of Intent between the United States of America and the Republic of Singapore on Cooperation in Environmental Matters (MOI) on April 19, 2024. The purposes of these two meetings, respectively, are to review implementation of FTA Chapter 18 (Environment) and to review the results of environmental cooperation under the MOI guided by the 2022–2023 Plan of Action (POA) and to approve the 2024–2025 POA.

DATES: The joint public session of the meeting on implementation of Chapter 18 (Environment) of the United States-Singapore FTA and the biennial review under the MOI will be held by teleconference on April 19, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. EDT. Instructions on submitting requests to participate in the virtual public session or on submitting questions or comments are under the heading **ADDRESSES**. Submissions should be made in writing no later than April 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Requests to participate in the virtual public session and written comments or questions should use “United States-Singapore FTA Environment Chapter Implementation/MOI Review Meetings” as the subject line and be submitted to both: (1) Merideth Manella, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Quality, by email to ManellaM@state.gov and (2) Amy Kreps, Office of the United States Trade Representative, by email to Amy.S.Kreps2@ustr.eop.gov.

When preparing comments, submitters are encouraged to refer to Chapter 18 of the FTA and/or the MOI, as relevant (available at <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/Sngapore-Environment%20Chapter.pdf> and <https://2001-2009.state.gov/g/oes/rls/or/22193.htm>). In your email, please include your full name and organization.

If you have access to the internet, you can view and comment on this notice by going to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/home> and searching for docket number DOS–2024–0014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Merideth Manella, (202) 286–5271, ManellaM@state.gov or Amy Kreps, (202) 881–8903, Amy.S.Kreps2@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of State and USTR invite

interested organizations and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions regarding any issues that should be discussed at the meetings and to participate in a virtual public session that will be held on April 19, 2024 at 12 p.m. EDT via teleconference.

Instructions on how to submit comments or to participate in the virtual public session are under the heading

ADDRESSES.

Article 18.4 of the FTA provides for institutional arrangements to discuss matters related to the operation of Chapter 18 (Environment). Article 18.5 further provides for opportunities for public participation in the discussion of matters related to the operation of Chapter 18 (Environment).

Section III of the MOI establishes that the United States and Singapore plan to meet at least biennially to review the status of cooperation under the MOI and that the two governments intend to devise and update a Plan of Action setting out cooperative projects to be pursued.

Visit the Department of State website at www.state.gov and the USTR website at www.ustr.gov for more information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of the Treasury (“Treasury” or the “Department”), Treasury proposes to modify a current Treasury system of records titled, “Department of the Treasury, Treasury .001—Treasury Payroll and Personnel System” System of Records. The records and information collected and maintained in this system includes, but are not limited to: Maintaining current and historical payroll records that are used to compute and audit pay entitlement; to record history of pay transactions; to record deductions, leave accrued and taken, bonds due and issued, taxes paid; maintaining and distributing Leave and Earnings statements; commence and terminate allotments; answer inquiries and process claims; and maintaining

current and historical personnel records and preparing individual administrative transactions relating to education and training; classification; assignment; career development; evaluation; promotion, compensation, separation and retirement; making decisions on the rights, benefits, entitlements and the utilization of individuals; providing a data source for the production of reports, statistical surveys, rosters, documentation, and studies required for the orderly personnel administration within Treasury; maintaining employment history; and perform personnel and payroll functions for Federal agencies for which Treasury is a cross-services provider and to conduct activities necessary to carry-out the official HR line of business for all Federal departments and agencies that are serviced by the National Finance Center (NFC); producing of reports, statistical surveys, rosters, documentation, and studies required for the orderly personnel administration within Treasury, and maintaining information about Treasury personnel and their dependents for needs and status assessments to determine if they are entitled to a benefit related to a natural or man-made disaster, a public health emergency, or similar crisis.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 13, 2024. The modification of the system of records notice will be applicable on May 13, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this notice may be submitted electronically through the Federal government eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt, and enables the Treasury to make the comments available to the public. Please note that comments submitted through <https://www.regulations.gov> will be public and can be viewed by members of the public. Due to COVID–19-related restrictions, Treasury has suspended its ability to receive public comments by mail.

In general, Treasury will post all comments to <https://www.regulations.gov> without change, including any business or personal information provided, such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. All comments received, including attachments and other supporting material, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should only submit information that you wish to make publicly available.