

The Commission vote for this determination took place on February 27, 2025.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 27, 2025.

**Lisa Barton,**

Secretary to the Commission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**U.S. Marshals Service**

[OMB Number 1105-0105]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension Without Change or a Currently Approved Collection; Comments Requested: Form CSO-005, Preliminary Background Check Form**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until April 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have additional comments, particularly with respect to the estimated public burden or associated response time, have suggestions, need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions,

or desire any additional information, please contact Assistant Chief Karl Slazer/Management Support Division, US Marshals Service Headquarters, 1215 S Clark St., Ste. 10017, Arlington, VA 22202-4387, by telephone at 703-740-2316 or by email at [karl.slazer@usdoj.gov](mailto:karl.slazer@usdoj.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2024, 89 FR 92281, allowing a 60-day comment period. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

1. *Type of Information Collection* (check justification or form 83): Extension without change or a currently approved collection.

2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Form CSO-005, Preliminary Background Check Form.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form number (if applicable): Form CSO-005.

*Component:* U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

*Primary:* Court Security Officers/Special Security Officer (CSO/SSO) Applicants.

*Other (if applicable):* [None].

*Abstract:* The CSO-005 Preliminary Background Check Form is used to collect applicant information for CSO/SSO positions. The applicant information provided to USMS from the Vendor gives information about which District and Facility the applicant will be working, the applicant's personal information, prior employment verification, employment performance and current financial status. The information allows the selecting official to hire applicants with a strong history of employment performance and financial responsibility. The questions on this form have been developed from the OPM, MSPB and DOJ "Best Practice" guidelines for reference checking.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 750 respondents will utilize the form, and it will take each respondent approximately 60 minutes to complete the form.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 750 hours, which is equal to (750 (total # of annual responses) \* 1 (60 mins).

7. *An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable:*

**TOTAL BURDEN HOURS**

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Time per response (min.)	Total annual burden (hours)
Ex: Survey (individuals or households) .....	750	1/annually .....	1,000	60	750
Unduplicated Totals .....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	750

*Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden:* \$14,651.00.

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States

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Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC.

Dated: February 28, 2024.

**Darwin Arceo,**

*Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

**[Prohibited Transaction Exemptions 2016-10 and 2016-11; Application Numbers D-12113 and D-12112]**

#### **Amendment To Extend Effective Dates for Prohibited Transaction Exemptions: Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, Canada; Northern Trust Corporation, Chicago, Illinois**

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of amendments.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice of an amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemptions (PTEs) 2016-10, granted to Royal Bank of Canada (together with its Current and Future Affiliates, RBC), and 2016-11, granted to Northern Trust Corporation (together with its Current and Future Affiliates, Northern) that extends the effective periods of the exemptions for up to six months if RBC and Northern meet certain conditions. The amendment to PTE 2016-10 is referred to herein as the RBC QPAM Amendment, and the amendment to PTE 2016-11 is referred to herein as the Northern QPAM Amendment (collectively, the Amendments).

**DATES:** The Amendments will be in effect on March 5, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For the RBC QPAM Amendment, please contact Ms. Blessed ChukSORJI-Keefe, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, (202) 693-8567 (this is not a toll-free number). For the Northern QPAM Amendment, please contact Ms. Anna MPRAS VAUGHAN, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, (202) 693-8565 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 21, 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor (the Department) published a notice of proposed amendments in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 10087) pursuant to its authority under ERISA section 408(a), and in accordance with the

Department's exemption procedures.<sup>1</sup> The proposed amendments would extend the effective periods of PTE 2016-10 and PTE 2016-11 until the earlier of September 4, 2025, or the date that the Department makes a final agency action in connection with the Notices of Proposed Exemption for the RBC QPAMs and the Northern QPAMs the Department published in the **Federal Register** in January 2025.<sup>2</sup> The proposed amendments required RBC and Northern to meet the conditions for relief under PTE 2016-10 and PTE 2016-11, respectively, during the proposed extended effective periods.

Based on the RBC and Northern's representations contained in the administrative record, the Department is granting the Amendments as proposed. The Amendments provide only the relief specified herein and do not provide relief from violations of any law other than the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA.

**Benefits of the Amendments:** The Department is granting the Amendments based on the applicants' representations that the expiration of the exemptive relief in PTEs 2016-10 and 2016-11 before the Department publishes a final exemption extending such relief for an additional period of five years would harm plans and their participants and beneficiaries and Individual Retirement Account owners (Covered Plans).

As discussed below, the Department makes the requisite findings under ERISA section 408(a) that the amendments are: (1) administratively feasible for the Department, (2) in the interest of Covered Plan(s) and their participants and beneficiaries, and (3) protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of Covered Plans, based on the applicants' adherence to all the conditions of PTEs 2016-10 and 2016-11, respectively, at all times. Accordingly, affected parties should be aware that the applicants' adherence to all conditions in PTEs 2016-10 and 2016-11, as applicable, is required for the applicants to rely on the Amendments described herein. Absent

<sup>1</sup> The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (89 FR 4662, 4691, January 24, 2024). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 1 (1996), transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested by the applicants to the Secretary of Labor. Accordingly, the Department grants this exemption under its sole authority.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed Exemption for the Royal Bank of Canada and Its Current and Future Affiliates at 90 FR 6013, January 17, 2025; Proposed Exemption From Certain Prohibited Transaction Restrictions Involving Northern Trust Corporation at 90 FR 7174, January 21, 2025.

these conditions, the Department would not have granted the Amendments.

### A. Background

On October 28, 2016, the Department published PTEs 2016-10 and 2016-11 in the **Federal Register**.<sup>3</sup> PTE 2016-10 is a temporary administrative exemption that permits certain entities (the RBC Qualified Professional Asset Managers (QPAMs)) with specified relationships to Royal Bank of Canada (Bahamas) Limited (RBCTC Bahamas) to continue to rely on the relief provided by the Department's QPAM Exemption<sup>4</sup> for a one-year period beginning on March 5, 2024, and ending on March 4, 2025, notwithstanding a potential judgment of conviction against RBCTC Bahamas for aiding and abetting tax fraud.<sup>5</sup> Similarly, PTE 2016-11 permits certain entities (the Northern QPAMs) with specified relationships to Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Guernsey) Ltd. (NTFS) to continue to rely upon the relief provided by the Department's QPAM Exemption for a one-year period beginning on March 5, 2024, and ending on March 4, 2025, notwithstanding a potential judgment of conviction against NTFS for aiding and abetting tax fraud in the same scheme.<sup>6</sup>

The Department granted PTEs 2016-10 and 2016-11 to protect RBC and Northern's ERISA-covered plan and IRA clients from the harm that could result from their respective QPAMs' loss of relief under PTE 84-14 due to the QPAMs' convictions.

RBC and Northern separately applied to the Department for extended relief that would apply after the relief in PTEs 2016-10 and 2016-11 expires on March 4, 2025. In response, on January 17, 2025, the Department published a

<sup>3</sup> 81 FR 75147 and 81 FR 75150 (October 28, 2016).

<sup>4</sup> PTE 84-14 49 FR 9494, March 13, 1984, as corrected at 50 FR 41430 (October 10, 1985), as amended at 70 FR 49305 (August 23, 2005), as amended at 75 FR 38837 (July 6, 2010), and as amended at 89 FR 23090 (April 3, 2024), hereinafter referred to as PTE 84-14 or the QPAM exemption. Section I(g) of PTE 84-14 prevents an entity that may otherwise meet the definition of a QPAM from utilizing the exemptive relief provided by PTE 84-14 for itself and its client plans, if that entity or an "affiliate" thereof, or any owner, direct or indirect, of a five percent or more interest in the QPAM has within 10 years immediately preceding the transaction, been either convicted or released from imprisonment, whichever is later, as a result of criminal activity described in that section.

<sup>5</sup> On December 11, 2023, the Department issued a technical correction to PTE 2016-10 when RBCTC Bahamas was convicted of aiding and abetting tax fraud in France to accurately identify the French Court issuing the conviction.

<sup>6</sup> On April 4, 2024, the Department issued a technical correction to PTE 2016-11 (89 FR 23612) after NTFS was convicted of aiding and abetting tax fraud in France to accurately identify the French Court issuing the conviction.