FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis R. Pinkney, Management Analyst, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606–0623.

Office of Personnel Management,

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request; Review of a Revised Information Collection: Declaration for Federal Employment, Optional Form 306

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised information collection.

To streamline the application process and reduce paperwork, we are planning to eliminate the Applicant's Statement of Selective Service Registration Form (64 FR 59) and add a question about Selective Service registration to the OF 306. We plan to add the following question about Selective Service Registration, which is currently on the Applicant's Statement of Selective Service Registration to the Optional Form 306: ''If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions. Have you registered with the Selective Service? Yes ____ No ____. If No, describe your reason(s) in item ____.''

The OF 306 is completed by applicants who are under serious consideration for employment. It is completed early enough in the employment process that if an agency encounters an applicant who did not register with the Selective Service, the agency would have sufficient time to determine if non-registration was knowing and willful prior to making a final employment decision.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before August 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver written comments to Richard A. Ferris, Associate Director for Investigations, Office of Personnel Management, Room 5416, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415–4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Jenkinson-McDermott on (202) 606–2133, or FAX (202) 606–2390, or e-mail KJMCDERM@OPM.GOV.

SUPPLEMENATARY INFORMATION: OPM's current regulations, written in 1987, contain a self-certification statement of Selective Service registration to be completed by applicants and employees. Agencies reproduce this statement on a separate form. In 1987, the application for Federal Employment, Standard Form 171, did not contain a question about Selective Service registration. Therefore, a separate form was necessary to collect the information required by 5 U.S.C. 3328. Today, agencies use many different forms when considering employees for Federal jobs: The resume or the Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF 612), used to determine basic qualifications for positions, and a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306), used to determine an applicant's acceptability and suitability for Federal positions.

It is estimated that 474,000 individuals will respond annually for a total burden of 118,500 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:

—Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management.

—Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and

—Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal please contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at (202) 606–8358, or Fax (202) 418–3251, or by e-mail to mbtoomey@mail.opm.gov.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Filings and Information Services Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 15g–2 [17 CFR 240.15g–2], SEC File No. 270–381, OMB Control No. 3235–0434

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The ''Penny Stock Disclosure Rules'' (Rule 15g–2, 17 CFR 240.15g–2) require broker-dealers to provide their customers with a risk disclosure document, as set forth in Schedule 15G, prior to their first non-exempt transaction in a ''penny stock.'' As amended, the rule requires broker-dealers to obtain written acknowledgement from the customer that he or she has received the required risk disclosure document. The amended rule also requires broker-dealers to maintain a copy of the customer's written acknowledgement for at least three years following the date on which the risk disclosure document was provided to the customer, the first two years in an accessible place.

The risk disclosure documents are for the benefit of the customers, to assure that they are aware of the risks of trading in ''penny stocks'' before they enter into a transaction. The risk disclosure documents are maintained by the broker-dealers and may be reviewed during the course of an examination by the Commission. The Commission estimates that there are approximately 270 broker-dealers subject to Rule 15g–2, and that each one of these firms will process an average of three new customers for ''penny stocks'' per week. Thus each respondent will process approximately 156 risk disclosure documents per year. The staff calculates that (a) the copying and mailing of the risk disclosure document should take no more than two minutes per customer, and (b) each customer should take no more than eight minutes to review, sign, and return the risk disclosure document. Thus, the total ongoing respondent burden is approximately 10 minutes per response, or an aggregate total of 1,560 minutes per respondent. Since there are 270 respondents, the annual burden is 421,200 minutes (1,560 minutes per each of the 270 respondents), or 7,020 hours. In addition, broker-dealers will incur a recordkeeping burden of approximately

two minutes per response. Thus each respondent will incur a recordkeeping burden of 312 (156×312/60). Accordingly, the aggregate annual hour burden associated with Rule 15g–2 is 8,424 hours (7,020+1,404).

The Commission does not maintain the risk disclosure document, however, it must be retained by the broker-dealer for at least three years following the date on which the risk disclosure document was provided to the customer, the first two years in an accessible place. The collection of information required by the rule is mandatory. The risk disclosure document is otherwise governed by the internal policies of the broker-dealer regarding confidentiality, etc.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3076]

Policy on Munitions Export Licenses to Nigeria

AGENCY: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Sections 38 and 42 of the Arms Export Control Act, notice is hereby given that it is no longer the policy of the United States to deny all requests for licenses and other approvals to export defense articles or defense services to Nigeria. Therefore, U.S. persons registered with the Department of State's Office of Defense Trade Controls may henceforth submit requests that will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Lowell, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (703) 875–6644 or FAX (703) 875–6647.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective immediately, it is no longer the policy of the U.S. Government to deny all requests for licenses and other approvals to authorize the export of defense articles and defense services to Nigeria. Since the death of General Sani Abacha in June 1998, Head of State Abubakar has made significant and steady contributions toward Nigeria's transition to a democratically elected government and to human rights reform, and a democratic election was held in February 1999. Nigeria has reversed many of the policies of the Abacha regime and inaugurated the democratically elected administration of Olusegun Obasanjo. It is because of these changes that U.S. persons registered with the Department of State's Office of Defense Trade Controls may henceforth submit requests that will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Reinstatement of Nigeria to the sales territory of any manufacturing license and/or technical assistance agreement should be addressed through an amendment to the agreement to be submitted to the Office of Defense Trade Controls.

This action has been taken pursuant to Sections 38 and 42 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2791) and Section 126.7 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations in furtherance of the foreign policy of the United States.

Dated: June 18, 1999.

Eric D. Newsom,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Request for Public Comment Regarding the Economic and Environmental Effects of Tariff Elimination in the Forest Products Sector

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative and Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Request for written public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) are seeking public comment about the economic and environmental effects of the initiative to eliminate remaining tariffs on forest products. These comments are sought in the context of a written analysis which CEQ and USTR are undertaking of that initiative. The initiative, which is now the subject on negotiations within the World Trade Organization (WTO), is part of an eight sector accelerated tariff liberalization (ATL) proposal. The other ATL sectors are environmental goods and services, gems and jewelry, medical equipment and scientific instruments, chemicals, energy, fish and toys.

The ATL proposal in forest products covers all of Chapters 44, 46, 47, 48, 49 on the HTS as well as portions of chapter 38 (certain wood chemicals), and 94 (furniture and prefabricated buildings.)

The complete list of tariff lines included in the initiative can be found in the **Federal Register** notice announcing ITC Investigation No. 332–392, Advice Concerning APEC Sectoral Trade Liberalization, (Federal Register, April 1, 1998, Vol. 63, No. 62).

The analysis will address the following broad subject areas: the history of the initiative, a description of how the forest products ATL relates to other U.S. government goals and objectives in the forest policy arena, the likely economic impact of tariff elimination in terms of shifts in production and consumption of forest products and the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts of these shifts, and appropriate policy responses. The report is intended to focus on the effects of the ATL initiative on the United States but will also address broader global implications of the initiative. Specific information regarding, or empirical studies of, the economic and environmental impacts of past trade liberalization in this sector which interested parties may have would be particularly welcome.

Testimony related to the subject of this request which has been submitted in response to the following will be made a part of the record of this study and does not need to be resubmitted: ITC Investigation No. 332–392, ''Advice Concerning APEC Sectoral Trade Liberalization'' (**Federal Register,** April 1, 1998, Vol 63, No. 62); USTR Notice ''Negotiation of Sectoral Market Opening Agreements'' (**Federal Register,** May 15, 1998, Vol. 63, No. 94);