

and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. SSA has submitted the information collection listed below for emergency consideration by OMB. SSA has requested OMB approval has within 30 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments will be most useful if received before the 30 days concludes. You can obtain copies of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

Voice Print Proof of Concept—0960-NEW. SSA provides Internet-based electronic services to the business community in order to conduct business with the Agency. As part of the registration process for these services, SSA uses a negative verification option to allow a business' management to stop SSA from sending a password to a registrant to act on behalf of the business. SSA plans to test the use of voice technology, saving a biometric voice-print, as a positive verification by the business that a registrant is allowed to act on their behalf. This technology is expected to be more secure, less burdensome, faster and provide better customer service than other available options. SSA will initiate a 2-month

Proof of Concept project to test the business community's acceptance of this technology. This is strictly voluntary. SSA will collect the name, phone number and e-mail address of the registrant's supervisor. In addition, SSA may survey both the registrant and the supervisor to gauge their reactions to this new process.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 83 hours.

II. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Statement of Marital Relationship (by One of the Parties)—20 CFR 404.726—0960-0038.* SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-754 to determine whether the conditions for establishing a common-law marriage under state law are met. The respondents are applicants for spouse's benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15,000 hours.

2. *Marital Relationship Questionnaire—20 CFR 416.1826—0960-0460.* The information collected on Form SSA-4178 is needed by SSA to determine whether unrelated individuals of the opposite sex who are living together, and present themselves to the public as husband and wife, should be paid as a couple or two eligible individuals. The information is used to determine whether correct payment is being made to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) couples and individuals. The respondents are applicants for and recipients of SSI who are living together in a questionable relationship.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 425 hours.

3. *Statement of Living Arrangements, In-Kind Support and Maintenance—20*

CFR, 416.1130-.1148—0960-0174. Form SSA-8006 provides a national uniform vehicle for collecting information from SSI applicants and recipients about whether they receive income from in-kind support and maintenance. Responses are used to determine eligibility for SSI benefits. The respondents are individuals applying for SSI or whose eligibility is being reevaluated.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 173,380.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,228 hours.

4. *Application for Widow's or Widower's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR 404.335-.338—0960-0004.* SSA uses the information collected on the Form SSA-10-BK to determine if the applicant meets the statutory and regulatory conditions for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits. The respondents are applicants for Widow(er)'s benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 288,580.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 72,145 hours.

5. *Student Reporting Form—20 CFR 404.352(b), 422.135, .415, .434, .367-.368—0960-0088.* Form SSA-1383 is used by Social Security student beneficiaries to report events or changes that may affect continuing entitlement to these benefits. The respondents are Social Security Student Beneficiaries.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 6 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends part S of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security

Administration (SSA). Chapter S9 covers the Office of the General Counsel. Notice is given that there are organizational and functional changes within OGC. The changes are as follows:

Section S9.00 The Office of the General Counsel—(Mission)

Replace in its entirety:

The Office of the General Counsel advises the Commissioner on legal matters, is responsible for providing all legal advice to the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and all subordinate organizational components (except OIG) of SSA in connection with the operation and administration of SSA. Responsible for the policy formulation and decision making related to the collection, access, and disclosure of such information in the records of the Social Security Administration; and processing of Freedom of Information requests and appeals (under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts).

Section S9.10 The Office of the General Counsel—Organization

Retitle:

B. The Principal Deputy General Counsel (S9) to The Deputy General Counsel (S9).

C. The Immediate Office of the General Counsel (S9A) which includes:

Delete:

1. The Deputy General Counsel (S9A-1).

Renumber:

2. The Executive Operations Staff (S9A-3) to 1. The Executive Operations Staff (S9A-3).

Establish:

G. The Office of Public Disclosure (S9).

Reletter:

H. The Offices of the Regional Chief Counsels (S9G-F1—S9G-FX).

Section S9.20 The Office of the General Counsel—(Functions)

Replace in its entirety:

B. The Deputy General Counsel (S9) assists the General Counsel in carrying out his/her responsibilities and performs other duties as the General Counsel may prescribe. In the event of the General Counsel's absence or disability, or in the event of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, the Deputy General Counsel acts for him/her unless the Commissioner directs otherwise. The Deputy General Counsel also serves as the Designated Agency Ethics Official with responsibility for coordinating and managing the Social Security Administration's (SSA) ethics program.

Replace in its entirety:

C. The Immediate Office of the General Counsel (S9A) includes the Executive Operations Staff (S9A-3).

Replace in its entirety:

1. The Executive Operations Staff (S9A-3) provides internal organizational planning, management analysis and review, staff support and assistance to the General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel, OGC Executive Staff, OGC Executive Officer, and other OGC managers. Plans, develops, and coordinates OGC's financial, personnel, and administrative management regional offices. Plans, directs and provides day-to-day operational support services on all areas of administrative, budget, space and facilities, communications, and systems management. Identifies, coordinates, and implements OGC's training program. Formulates, justifies, and presents annual and multi-year budget submissions. Controls the collection, recording, and reporting of all financial, personnel, and administrative data in connection with budget and staffing formulation and executive functions.

Replace in its entirety:

D. The Office of General Law (S9B).

1. Provides legal services on business management activities and administrative operations throughout SSA, including procurement, contracting, patents, copyrights, budget, appropriations, personnel, ethics, adverse employment actions, employment discrimination, compensation, travel, personnel and tort claims by and against SSA, electronic service delivery, labor-management relations and Touhy requests.

2. Provides legal services and advice regarding SSA's civil defense, civil rights and security programs as well as for SSA's administration of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts and Computer Matching Agreements. Provides liaison with the Department of Justice on administering the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. Serves as liaison with the Comptroller General.

3. Working under the direction of the Designated Agency Ethics Official, provides liaison with the Office of Government Ethics, as appropriate.

4. Furnishes litigation support and litigation related advice to the Commissioner and all components of SSA in both administrative and court litigation in connection with each of the areas mentioned above. Represents SSA in all such litigation when such direct representation is authorized by law. In other cases, makes and supervises contacts with attorneys responsible for the conduct of such litigation.

Establish:

G. The Office of Public Disclosure (S9).

1. Develops and interprets SSA policy governing the collection, use, maintenance and disclosure of personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act and requests for information made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

2. Develops national standards relating to the release and exchange of personal data in SSA databases to federal, state, and local agencies.

3. Assures Agency-wide sensitivity to the importance of privacy considerations in all situations involving disclosure of SSA data about individuals. Ensures necessary privacy protections are built into new systems and processes developed to deliver more efficient service to Agency customers.

4. Reviews Agency projects and initiatives to ensure compliance with the Privacy Act and related laws and regulations.

5. Examines public service issues related to handling various information requests from the public.

6. Acts on Privacy Act and FOIA appeals.

7. Directs FOIA activities in SSA, develops SSA's FOIA policies and procedures and prepares the Annual Report to Congress on these activities.

8. Reviews requests and determines whether records are required to be disclosed to members of the public.

9. Serves as the Agency focal point for all data sharing activities with outside organizations.

Reletter:

H. The Offices of Regional Chief Counsels (S9G-F1—S9G-FX).

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Jo Anne B. Barnhart,
Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify