

date of the proposed Final Judgment within which any person may submit to the United States written comments regarding the proposed Final Judgment. Any person who wishes to comment should do so within sixty days of the date of publication of this Competitive Impact Statement in the **Federal Register**. The United States will evaluate and respond to the comments. All comments will be given due consideration by the Department of Justice, which remains free to withdraw its consent to the proposed Judgment at any time prior to entry. The comments and the responses of the United States will be filed with the Court and published in the **Federal Register**. Written comments should be submitted to: Roger W. Fones, Chief, Transportation, Energy & Agriculture Section, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice, 325 Seventh Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20004.

The proposed Final Judgment provides that the Court retains jurisdiction over this action, and the parties may apply to the Court for any order necessary or appropriate for the modification, interpretation, or enforcement of the Final Judgment. The Proposed Final Judgment would expire ten (10) years from the date of its entry.

VI. Alternatives to the Proposed Final Judgment

The United States considered, as an alternative to the proposed Final Judgment, a full trial on the merits against Defendants. In the view of the Department of Justice, such a trial would involve substantial cost to the United States and is not warranted. The proposed Final Judgment provides relief that fully remedies the alleged violations of the Sherman Act set forth in the Complaint.

VII. Determinative Documents

There are no determinative materials or documents within the meaning of the APPA that were considered by the United States in formulating the proposed Final Judgment.

For Plaintiff United States of America:

Dated: July _____, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB Emergency Approval; Notice of Information Collection Under Review; New Collection; Federal Firearms Licensee Execution of Acknowledgment of Obligations and Responsibilities Under the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13 (1)(i)(ii) (2)(iii) Emergency Processing of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by July 30, 1998. If granted, this emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. A copy of this information collection request, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling Allen Nash, Management Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation, CJIS Division, Module C-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306, (304) 625-2738.

Comments should be directed to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this collection is also being undertaken. Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 2, 1998. 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:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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: New data collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Federal Firearms Licensee Execution of Acknowledgment of Obligations and Responsibilities Under the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form: None. Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit (Federally licensed firearms dealers, manufacturers, or importers).

Brief Abstract: The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1994, requires the Attorney General to establish a national instant criminal background check system that any Federal Firearm Licensee may contact, by telephone or by other electronic means in addition to the telephone, for information, to be supplied immediately, on whether receipt of a firearm to a prospective purchaser would violate federal or state law. The FFLs are requested to sign a legal document in order to ensure the privacy and security of NICS information.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 60,000 Federal Firearms Licensees at an average of 15 minutes to respond.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 15,000.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, 1001 G Street NW, Suite 850, Washington DC 20530.

Dated: July 27, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, U.S.

Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program: Availability of Benefit Accuracy Measurement Program Results

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Unemployment Insurance Benefit Accuracy Measurement Program Data for Calendar Year (CY) 1997.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) Program Data for CY 1997, which contains the results of each State's BAM program, and information on how copies may be obtained. The BAM Annual Report data are published as part of a UI PERFORMS report, which also includes data from the Benefit Timeliness and Quality and Tax Performance System programs. UI PERFORMS is the Department's management system for promoting continuous improvement in UI performance.

DATES: The Report will be available after August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Report may be obtained by writing to Ms. Grace A. Kilbane, Director, Unemployment Insurance Service, U. S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210. The Report and this notice contain a list of names and addresses of persons in each State who will provide additional information and clarifications regarding the individual State reports upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Spisak, Division of Performance Review, Data Analysis and Data Validation Team, 202-219-5223, extension 157. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each week, staff in each State's Employment Security Agency investigate random samples of UI benefit payments and record information based on interviews with claimants, employers, and third

parties to determine whether State law, policy, and procedure were followed correctly in processing the sampled payment.

The Department of Labor is publishing results from the investigations in a digest which includes information on the 52 jurisdictions participating in the UI BAM program. Five items are reported for each State: The amount of UI benefits paid to the population of claimants, the size of the BAM samples, and the percentages of proper payments, overpayments, and underpayments in the population estimated from the BAM investigations. Ninety-five percent confidence intervals are presented for each of the three percentages as measures of the precision of the estimates. States have been encouraged to provide narratives to further clarify the meaning of the data based on their specific situations.

Since States' laws, policies, and procedures vary considerably, the data cannot be used to draw comparisons among States.

Effective with the release of calendar year 1995 data, States were no longer required to publish their BAM program data; however, persons wanting clarification or additional information concerning a specific State's report are encouraged to contact the individual identified in the following mailing list.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 28, 1998.

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