

for this request. The information collected is used to document an individual's claim to show that an oral hearing is not preferred in the appellate process. The respondents are applicants for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits who request a hearing.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 400 hours.

2. Request for SSI Benefit Estimate—0960-0492. SSA uses Form SSA-3716 for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries who wish to request a 5-month estimate of what their benefits would be if they should return to work in the future. The respondents are SSI Recipients or Applicants for SSI Benefits.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,167 hours.

3. Supplemental Statement Regarding Farming Activities Of Person Living Outside The U.S.A.—0960-0103. Form SSA-7163A-F4 is used by SSA to collect needed information whenever a Social Security beneficiary or claimant reports work on a farm outside the U.S. The information is used to make a determination for work deduction purposes. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries or claimants who are engaged in farming activities outside the U.S.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3648]

Designation of Countries of Particular Concern Under the International Religious Freedom Act

Pursuant to section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has re-designated the following countries as

“countries of particular concern” under section 402(b) of the Act for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Burma, China, Iran, Iraq, Sudan.

Dated: April 16, 2001.

Thomas F. Farr,

Office Director for International Religious Freedom, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3652]

Privacy Act of 1974: Creation of a New System of Records

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State proposes to create a new system of records, STATE-55, pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended [5 U.S.C. 522a (r)], and the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I. STATE-55 was created to accommodate the transfer of records from the former Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) as a result of the consolidation of ACDA with the Department as mandated by the Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277). The Department's report was filed with the Office of Management and Budget on April 23, 2001.

This system of records is being implemented by the Department of State to facilitate its responsibility for providing individuals with copies of its publication “*World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers.*”

Any persons interested in commenting on the new system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to Margaret Peppe, Chief; Programs and Policies Division; Office of IRM Programs and Services; A/RPS/IPS/PP; U.S. Department of State, SA-2; Washington, DC 20522-6001. This system of records will be effective 40 days from the date of publication, unless we receive comments that will result in a contrary determination.

The new system description, “World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers Mailing List, STATE-55” will read as set forth below.

State-55

SYSTEM NAME:

World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers Mailing List.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State; 2201 C Street, NW; Washington, DC 20520.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Requesters of the publication “World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers” (WMEAT).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Names and addresses of requestors of the publication “World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers.”

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

22 U.S.C. 2581 (Arms Control and Disarmament); 22 U.S.C. 2651a (Organization of the Department of State); 22 U.S.C. 3921 (Management of service); 5 U.S.C. 301 (Management of the Department of State); and Pub. L. 105-277 (Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation Act of 1998).

PURPOSE(S):

The information in this system of records is collected and maintained by the Bureau of Verification and Compliance to facilitate its responsibility for providing individuals with copies of WMEAT as requested.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The information in this system is used to disseminate current editions of the publication WMEAT to individuals who have submitted a request for current and subsequent editions.

Also see the “Routine Uses” paragraph of the Prefatory Statement published in the **Federal Register**.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Individual name.

SAFEGUARDS:

All employees of the Department of State have undergone a thorough background security investigation. Access to the Department and its annexes is controlled by security guards and admission is limited to those individuals possessing a valid identification card or individuals under proper escort. Access to computerized files is password-protected and under the direct supervision of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular and ad hoc monitoring of computer usage.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be retired or destroyed in accordance with published records schedules of the Department of State and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration. More specific information may be obtained by writing to the Director; Office of IRM Programs and Services; SA-2; Department of State; 515 22nd Street, NW; Washington, DC 20522-6001.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Project Officer for WMEAT; Bureau of Verification and Compliance; Department of State; 2201 C Street, NW; Washington, DC 20520.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wanting to request information about themselves and having reason to believe that the Bureau of Verification and Compliance might have records pertaining to them should write to the Director; Office of IRM Programs and Services; SA-2; Department of State; 515 22nd Street, NW; Washington, DC 20522-6001. The individual must specify that he/she wishes the "World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers" Mailing List to be checked. At a minimum, the individual should include: name; date and place of birth; current mailing address and zip code; signature and preferably his/her social security number.

RECORD ACCESS AND AMENDMENT PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to gain access to or amend records pertaining to themselves should write to the Director, Office of IRM Programs and Services (address above).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

These records contain information obtained primarily from the individual who is the subject of these records.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

Dated: April 23, 2001.

Patrick F. Kennedy,

Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard**

[USCG-2001-8737]

Potential Approaches To Setting Ballast Water Treatment Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: To reduce the potential of introducing nonindigenous species (NIS) to the waters of the United States, the Coast Guard seeks comments on four approaches to setting standards for Ballast Water Treatment and on several specific questions related to setting, implementing, and enforcing such standards. NIS can alter the fundamental characteristics and processes of ecosystems in which they become established, with subsequent adverse impacts to biodiversity, the economy, and human health. Therefore, the Coast Guard is currently gathering information on four potential approaches to setting ballast water treatment (BWT) standards. The Coast Guard, and other relevant Federal agencies, will use information obtained from this notice to develop a comprehensive program of standards and regulations to protect U.S. waters from introductions of NIS due to ballast water discharges and other ship-related mechanisms.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2001-8737) U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for

inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, call Dr. Richard Everett, Project Manager, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (G-MSO), Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0214. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard is in the process of developing standards for the treatment of water discharged from ships' ballast tanks. One venue for this activity has been the Ballast Water and Shipping Committee (BWSC) of the Federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The members of the BWSC represent Federal, state, industry, academic and non-governmental interests. It was originally hoped that the BWSC would be able to develop a draft standard, but during the committee's deliberations it became clear that this would not be possible without additional information. To further the process of reaching a standard, the BWSC identified four approaches to setting BWT standards and several issues related to such standards that require further discussion. As the federal agency with authority to approve ballast water treatment technology and practices, and as a member of the BWSC, the Coast Guard seeks comments on four potential approaches (outlined in this notice) to setting standards for Ballast Water Treatment and on several specific questions related to setting, implementing, and enforcing such standards.

How May I Comment on the Optional Approaches to Setting BWT Standards?

You may submit comments and related material on the options and questions to the Docket Management Facility as indicated previously in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this notice (USCG-2001-8737);
- The specific section of this notice to which each comment applies; and
- The reason for each comment.

We invite you to provide your views on the various options and questions presented, possible approaches not