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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Border and Transportation Security; Notice to Aliens Included in the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology System (US-VISIT)

**AGENCY:** Border and Transportation Security Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; technical correction.

**SUMMARY:** On August 20, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a Notice in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 51695 adding certain ports to, and deleting certain ports from, inclusion in the US-VISIT program. In this Notice, the Jacksonville sea port in Jacksonville, Florida was inadvertently deleted. This technical correction amends the list of ports that was published on August 20, 2004 to include the Jacksonville sea port.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Notice is effective August 26, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Hardin, Program Analyst, US-VISIT, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 298-5200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 5, 2004, DHS published a Notice in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 482 designating 115 airports and 14 sea ports for inclusion in the US-VISIT program. One of these 14 sea ports was the Jacksonville sea port in Jacksonville, Florida. On August 20, 2004, DHS published a Notice in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 51695 adding certain ports to, and deleting certain ports from, inclusion in the US-VISIT program. In this Notice, the Jacksonville sea port in Jacksonville, Florida was inadvertently deleted.

#### What Does This Notice Do?

This Notice amends the Notice published on August 20, 2004 to include the Jacksonville sea port on the list of ports of entry designated to collect biometric data from certain aliens upon arrival in the United States. No other action is taken in this Notice.

### Notice of Requirements for Biometric Collection From Aliens

DHS hereby designates the following ports of entry for inclusion in US-VISIT for the collection of information at the time of alien arrival pursuant to 8 CFR 235.1(d)(1):

*Sea ports:* Jacksonville, Florida.

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**Tom Ridge,**

*Secretary of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location for the final meeting of the eighth term of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC), and the expected agenda for its consideration.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the COAC will be held on Friday, September 10, 2004, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC) will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Adam's Mark Fountain Room, Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, NY 14202; hotel ph: (716) 845-5100/fax: (716) 845-5377.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 571-227-3977; facsimile 571-227-1937.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public; however, participation in COAC deliberations is limited to COAC members, Homeland Security and Treasury Department officials, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. Since seating is limited, all persons attending this meeting should provide

notice to Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 571-227-3977; facsimile 571-227-1937, no later than 2 p.m. e.s.t. on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

*Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 571-227-3977; facsimile 571-227-1937, as soon as possible.

*Draft Agenda:* The COAC is expected to pursue the following agenda, which may be modified prior to the meeting:

1. MTSA Subcommittee
2. Security Subcommittee
  - a. Advance Cargo Information
  - b. WCO Security
  - c. C-TPAT Process Review
3. Automation Issues
  - a. ACE funding and development schedule
  - b. ACS downtime
4. International Trade Data System (ITDS)
5. Agriculture Subcommittee
6. Creation of Infrastructure Subcommittee
7. Bioterrorism Act
8. Focused Assessment Program

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*Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security Policy and Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4907-N-27]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Application for Approval—FHA Lender and/or Ginnie Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities Issuer Branch Office Notification—Title I/Title II

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 25, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or [Wayne\\_Eddins@hud.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phillip A. Murray, Director, Office of Lender Activities, Assistant Secretary for Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1515 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Application for Approval—FHA Lender and/or Ginnie Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities Issuer Branch Office Notification—Title I/Title II.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-0005.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development approve entities to participate as Title I lenders, Title II mortgagees, and the Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities issuers. Specific information must be obtained and reviewed to determine if an entity meets the criteria to obtain the requested approval. In addition, this submission covers subsequent information required by FHA in order for entities to maintain their approval, update information previously submitted on the entity, report any non-compliance, and voluntarily terminate their FHA approval.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-11701 and HUD-92001-B.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Item No.	Information collection	Number of expected respondents	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total annual hours
1 .....	HUD-11701 Application for FHA Approval, by paper (including attachments).	2,000	2,000	2.00	4,000
1 .....	Annual Verification Report by all approved lenders (by paper).	11,500	11,500	.10	1,150
1 .....	HUD-11701 Application for Ginnie Mae Approval, by paper (including attachments).	.....	50	1.25	63
2 .....	HUD-92100-B. Application for New Branch by loan correspondents, by paper (including attachments).	.....	1,500	.50	750
3 .....	Electronic Registration of New Branch by Mortgagees via FHA Connection.	.....	2,500	.10	250
4 .....	Electronic Termination of Existing Branch by all lenders via FHA Connection.	.....	3,000	.05	150
5 .....	Cover Sheet for Application Fee or Conversion of Mortgagee Type for Title I Approval (by paper).	.....	200	.05	10
5 .....	Cover Sheet for Application Fee or Conversion of Mortgagee Type for Title II Approval (by paper).	.....	1,800	.05	90
5 .....	Application Fee for Branch registration electronically or request for approval in paper using HUD 92001-B.	.....	4,000	.05	200
7 .....	Non-Address Business Change Notification (by paper)	.....	600	.50	300
8 .....	Address Updates via FHA Connection .....	.....	3,000	.25	750
9 .....	Personnel Change Notification of new owners, officers, directors or partners (by paper).	.....	1,000	.50	500
10 .....	Non-Compliance Notification pursuant to Lender Quality Control Plans (by paper).	.....	600	1.00	600
11 .....	Voluntary Termination by a Lender (by letter) .....	.....	500	.25	125
Total .....	.....	13,500	32,250	.....	8,938

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

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**Sean G. Cassidy,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4917-N-02]

**Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Commissioner under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2004, is 5¾ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2004, is 5½ percent. However, as a result of a recent amendment to section 224 of the Act, if an insurance claim relating to a mortgage insured under sections 203 or 234 of the Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, is paid in cash, the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating a claim shall be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H-15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** L. Richard Keyser, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh

Street, SW., Room 2232, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 755-7500 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of Section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning July 1, 2004, is 5½ percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 5½ percent for the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2004. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the last 6 months of 2004.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9½ .....	Jan. 1, 1980 .....	July 1, 1980.
9¾ .....	July 1, 1980 .....	Jan. 1, 1981.

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
11¾ .....	Jan. 1, 1981 .....	July 1, 1981.
12 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1981 .....	Jan. 1, 1982.
12¾ .....	Jan. 1, 1982 .....	Jan. 1, 1983.
10¼ .....	Jan. 1, 1983 .....	July 1, 1983.
10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1983 .....	Jan. 1, 1984.
11½ .....	Jan. 1, 1984 .....	July 1, 1984.
13 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1984 .....	Jan. 1, 1985.
11 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1985 .....	July 1, 1985.
11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1985 .....	Jan. 1, 1986.
10¼ .....	Jan. 1, 1986 .....	July 1, 1986.
8¼ .....	July 1, 1986 .....	Jan. 1, 1987.
8 .....	Jan. 1, 1987 .....	July 1, 1987.
9 .....	July 1, 1987 .....	Jan. 1, 1988.
9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1988 .....	July 1, 1988.
9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1988 .....	Jan. 1, 1989.
9¼ .....	Jan. 1, 1989 .....	July 1, 1989.
9 .....	July 1, 1989 .....	Jan. 1, 1990.
8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1990 .....	July 1, 1990.
9 .....	July 1, 1990 .....	Jan. 1, 1991.
8¾ .....	Jan. 1, 1991 .....	July 1, 1991.
8½ .....	July 1, 1991 .....	Jan. 1, 1992.
8 .....	Jan. 1, 1992 .....	July 1, 1992.
8 .....	July 1, 1992 .....	Jan. 1, 1993.
7¾ .....	Jan. 1, 1993 .....	July 1, 1993.
7 .....	July 1, 1993 .....	Jan. 1, 1994.
6 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1994 .....	July 1, 1994.
7¾ .....	July 1, 1994 .....	Jan. 1, 1995.
8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1995 .....	July 1, 1995.
7¼ .....	July 1, 1995 .....	Jan. 1, 1996.
6½ .....	Jan. 1, 1996 .....	July 1, 1996.
7¼ .....	July 1, 1996 .....	Jan. 1, 1997.
6¾ .....	Jan. 1, 1997 .....	July 1, 1997.
7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1997 .....	Jan. 1, 1998.
6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1998 .....	July 1, 1998.
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1998 .....	Jan. 1, 1999.
5½ .....	Jan. 1, 1999 .....	July 1, 1999.
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1999 .....	Jan. 1, 2000.
6½ .....	Jan. 1, 2000 .....	July 1, 2000.
6½ .....	July 1, 2000 .....	Jan. 1, 2001.
6 .....	Jan. 1, 2001 .....	July 1, 2001.
5 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2001 .....	Jan. 1, 2002.
5¼ .....	Jan. 1, 2002 .....	July 1, 2002.
5¾ .....	July 1, 2002 .....	Jan. 1, 2003.
5 .....	Jan. 1, 2003 .....	July 1, 2003.
4½ .....	July 1, 2003 .....	Jan. 1, 2004.
5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2004 .....	July 1, 2004.
5½ .....	July 1, 2004 .....	Jan. 1, 2005.

Section 215 of HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act amended section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, effective immediately, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H-15. The Federal Housing Administration is in the process of making conforming amendments to applicable regulations to fully implement this recent change to section 224 of the Act.