

One commenter asked Treasury to consider eliminating from the data call the lines of coverage that are less likely to be triggered in the event of an act of terrorism, noting that Treasury is not obligated to collect data on all TRIP-eligible lines.<sup>22</sup> Treasury is not making this change. Treasury notes that the types of insurance subject to the Program are set forth in the statute,<sup>23</sup> and in order to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the Program's effectiveness, it is necessary to collect data on all TRIP-eligible lines to achieve a complete view of Program participation. In addition, the information concerning these lines would also be relevant for assessing any risk-spreading policyholder surcharges levied by Treasury,<sup>24</sup> and in connection with the calculation of the insurance marketplace aggregate retention for calendar year 2020.<sup>25</sup>

#### E. Training Webinar

One commenter requested that Treasury hold training for the 2018 data call within two (2) weeks following the issuance of the templates, and recommended holding four (4) separate training sessions corresponding to the four (4) reporting templates that will be used by insurers (Alien Surplus Lines Insurers, Captive Insurers, Insurer (Non-Small) Groups or Companies, and Small Insurers).<sup>26</sup> In response to this comment, Treasury will hold four webinars on April 10 and April 11, 2018 to assist reporting insurers in responding to the proposed collection, with each webinar focusing on a specific reporting template. Specific times and details concerning participation in the webinar will be made available on the TRIP data collection website, and recordings of each webinar will be made available on the website following each training session.

### III. 2018 Data Call

For the 2018 TRIP Data Call, which covers the reporting period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, Treasury will continue to use four different data collection templates.<sup>27</sup> Insurers will fill out the template for "Insurer (Non-Small) Groups or Companies," unless the insurer meets the definition of a small insurer, captive insurer, or alien surplus insurer, as set forth in 31 CFR 50.4. Such small insurers, captive

insurers, and alien surplus lines insurers are required to complete an alternate template.

Similar to last year, Treasury, through an insurance statistical aggregator, will accept group or insurer registration forms through <https://tripsection111data.com/>. Upon registration, the aggregator will transmit individualized data collection forms (in Excel format) to the reporting group or insurer via a secure file transfer portal. The reporting group or insurer may transmit a complete data submission using either the provided Excel forms, or (for the first time this year) in a .csv file.<sup>28</sup>

Copies of the instructions and data collection forms are available on Treasury's website in read-only format. Reporting insurers will obtain the fillable reporting forms directly from the data aggregator after registering for the data collection process.

Reporting insurers are required to register and submit complete data to Treasury no later than May 15, 2018. Because of the timing and content of Treasury's 2018 report to Congress, no extensions will be granted. Reporting insurers can ask the data aggregator questions about registration, form completion, and submission through [tripsection111data@iso.com](mailto:tripsection111data@iso.com). Treasury, as identified above, may also be contacted directly with questions. Questions regarding submission of data to state insurance regulators or the property supplement should be directed to the appropriate state insurance regulator or the NAIC.

All data submitted to the aggregator is subject to the confidentiality and data protection provisions of TRIA and the Program Rules, as well as to section 552 of title 5, United States Code, including any exceptions thereunder. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, (44 U.S.C 3501 *et seq.*), the information collected through the web portal has been approved by OMB under Control Number 1505-0257. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; IRS Taxpayer Burden Surveys

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before May 7, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.gov) and (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8142, Washington, DC 20220, or email at [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Jennifer Quintana by emailing [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov), calling (202) 622-0489, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*Title:* IRS Taxpayer Burden Surveys.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1545-2212.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The IRS is developing improved methods for measuring, estimating, and modeling taxpayer burden. The data collected from this survey of individual taxpayers will be used as an input to a micro-simulation model that estimates taxpayer burden. The IRS will also publish the relevant updated burden estimates in tax form instructions to inform taxpayers. Three types of questions will be asked: Questions framing the activities to be measured, burden measurement questions, and questions to better inform taxpayer needs related to their compliance burden.

<sup>22</sup> See AIA/NAMIC/PCI Comments at 5-6.

<sup>23</sup> See TRIA sec. 102(6),(11); TRIA sec. (103)(a)(3).

<sup>24</sup> See TRIA sec. 103(e)(8)(A)(i).

<sup>25</sup> See 31 CFR 50.4(m).

<sup>26</sup> See Marsh Comments at 1.

<sup>27</sup> See 31 CFR 50.51(c).

<sup>28</sup> Specifications for submission of data using a .csv file will be provided to the insurer by the aggregator.

The information collected via the IRS Burden Surveys will be used by IRS to support or achieve several important goals:

1. Fulfill its mission to provide top quality service to taxpayers
2. Better understand taxpayer time and out-of-pocket burden
3. Improve the accuracy and comparability of the information collection budget estimates it provides under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)
4. Provide data to be used in micro-simulation models to allow estimation of the impact of proposed legislation on taxpayer burden before the legislation is enacted
5. Support ongoing analysis of the role of compliance costs in influencing taxpayer behavior and identifying taxpayer needs
6. Provide information to the Executives and Operating Divisions for assessing the impact of programs on taxpayer burden
7. Support tax analysis in the Treasury Department Offices
8. Assist the IRS in evaluating the effectiveness and associated impact on taxpayer costs and behavior of the following IRS initiatives: Return preparer e-file initiative, Return preparer regulation initiative, and Tax package mailing cost reduction initiative

*Forms:* 2018 Business Taxpayer Burden Survey.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 17,550.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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**Jennifer P. Quintana,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the

national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on April 26, 2018 on “China’s Agricultural Policies: Trade, Investment, Safety, and Innovation.”

**DATES:** The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** TBD, Washington, DC. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Commission’s website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Also, please check the Commission’s website for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at [ltisdale@uscc.gov](mailto:ltisdale@uscc.gov). *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* This is the fifth public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2018 report cycle. This hearing will investigate China’s food policies and how they affect the United States. It will examine China’s food security and agricultural trade policy, China’s investment in food resources abroad, the impact of China’s biotechnology policies on U.S. firms and farmers, and export opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural firms in China. It will also probe food safety challenges in China and how the United States should respond to food safety and market conditions in China. The hearing will be co-chaired by Chairman Robin Cleveland and Senator Carte Goodwin. Any interested party may file a written statement by April 26, 2018, by mailing to the contact above. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

*Authority:* Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: April 2, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet on May 8–10, 2018, at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 930, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9. On Thursday, May 10, the meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

The agenda will include updates from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and Staff Offices, as well as updates on recommendations from the 2016 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments for review by the Committee to Ms. Shannon L. Middleton, VA Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email at [00W@mail.va.gov](mailto:00W@mail.va.gov), or fax to (202) 273-7092. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard’s Desk as a part of the screening process. Due to an increase in security protocols, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public who wishes to attend the meeting or wants additional information should contact Ms. Middleton at (202) 461-6193.