DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal; Comment Request; Renewal Without Change of Anti-Money Laundering Programs for Money Services Businesses, Mutual Funds, and Operators of Credit Card Systems


ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FinCEN invites comment on the renewal of information collections in existing regulations requiring money services businesses ("MSBs"), mutual funds, and operators of credit card systems to develop and implement written anti-money laundering programs reasonably designed to prevent those financial institutions from being used to facilitate money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities. This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA") of 1995, Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

DATES: Written comments are welcome and must be received on or before October 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:


Please submit comments by one method only. Comments will also be incorporated to FinCEN’s retrospective regulatory review process, as mandated by E.O. 12866 and 13563. All comments submitted in response to this notice will become a matter of public record. Therefore, you should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FinCEN Resource Center at 800–767–2825 or electronically at frc@fincen.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bank Secrecy Act ("BSA"), Titles I and II of Public Law 91–508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829(b), 12 U.S.C. 1951–1959, and 31 U.S.C. et seq., authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, among other things, to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures. Title III of the USA Patriot Act of 2001, Public Law 107–56, included certain amendments to the anti-money laundering provisions of Title II of the BSA, 31 U.S.C. 5311 et seq., which are intended to aid in the prevention, detection, and prosecution of international money laundering and terrorist financing.

Regulations implementing Title II of the BSA appear at 31 CFR Chapter X. The authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to administer Title II of the BSA has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN. The information collected and retained under the regulation addressed in this notice assist federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as regulatory authorities in the identification, investigation and prosecution of money laundering and other matters.

In accordance with the requirements of the PRA and its implementing regulations, the following information is presented concerning the information collection below.


OMB Control Number: 1506–0020.

Abstract: MSBs, mutual funds, and operators of credit card systems are required to develop and implement written anti-money laundering programs. FinCEN recognizes a three hour burden for the initial development of an AML program. FinCEN further estimates an annual burden of one hour for maintenance of the program (i.e., review and update as necessary). A copy of the written program must be maintained for five years. In view of the additional information providers and sellers of prepaid access (a type of MSB) are required to collect and maintain to verify identity under their AML program regulations, and the degree of automation available to them, FinCEN estimates an additional annual maintenance burden of two minutes for each prepaid card issued for this MSB subset.3

Current Action: Renewal without change to existing regulations.

Type of Review: Renewal without change of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Burdens:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 327,076 broken out as follows:

- MSBs: 31 CFR 1022.210 = 324,100
- Mutual Funds: 31 CFR 1024.210 = 3,000

Estimated Annual Responses:

2,910,406 broken out as follows:

- MSBs (AML Programs): 31 CFR 1022.210 = 324,100
- MSBs (Prepaid Cards—Customer Identity Verification): 31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv) = 2,583,300
- Mutual Funds (AML Program): 31 CFR 1024.210 = 3,000

Estimated Program-Related Hourly Burdens, Estimated at One Hour per Respondent:

- MSBs (AML Programs): 31 CFR 1022.210 = 324,100
- Mutual Funds: 31 CFR 1024.210 = 3,000

Prepaid Card-Related Hourly Burden:

- MSBs (Prepaid Cards—Customer Identity Verification): 31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv) = 86,110

Estimated Total Number of Burden Hours: 413,216.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Records required to be retained under

1 Language expanding the scope of the BSA to intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism was added by Section 358 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Public Law 107–56.
2 The term MSB includes dealer in foreign exchange, check cashier, issuer or seller of traveler’s checks or money orders, provider of prepaid access, money transmitter, U.S. Postal Service, and seller of prepaid access. See 31 CFR 1010.100(f).
3 In addition to maintaining an AML program, providers and sellers of prepaid access are required to collect and maintain the customer’s name, date of birth, address, and identification number for five years. This collection is automated. FinCEN estimates that approximately 2,583,300 prepaid cards are issued annually. See 31 CFR 1022.210(d)(iv).
4 See supra note 3.
5 2,583,300 prepaid cards multiplied by 2 minutes per card and converted to hours equals 86,110 hours.
6 (324,100 + 300 + 6 + 86,110 = 413,216).
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Special Projects Committee; Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: In the Federal Register notice that was originally published on August 9, 2018, (Volume 83, Number 154, Page 39151) the meeting date has been corrected. The date of the meeting is: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 and Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew O’Sullivan at 1–888–912–1227 or (510) 907–5274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Special Projects Committee will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate must be made with Matthew O’Sullivan. For more information please contact Matthew O’Sullivan at 1–888–912–1227 or (510) 907–5274, or write TAP Office, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612–5217 or contact us at the website: http://www.improvesirs.org. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

The agenda will include a discussion on various special topics with IRS processes.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service


AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). This notice requests comments on all forms used by tax-exempt organizations:

Forms

Related Internal Revenue Service and The Department of Treasury Guidance

EE–111–80 (TD 8019—Final) Public Inspection of Exempt Organization Return
TD 8033 (TEMP) Tax Exempt Entity Leasing (REG–200274–85)
Revenue Procedure 98–19, Exceptions to the notice and reporting requirements of section 6033(e)(1) and the tax imposed by section 6033(e)(2)
REG–246256–96 (Final TD 8978) Excise Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions
T.D. 8861, Private Foundation Disclosure Rules
Notice 2006–109—Interim Guidance Regarding Supporting Organizations and Donor Advised Funds
Disclosure by taxable party to the tax-exempt entity
Reinstatement and Retroactive Reinstatement for Reasonable Cause (Rev. Proc. 2014–11) and Transitional Relief for Small Organizations (Notice 2011–43 under IRC § 6033(j))
TD 8086—Election for $10 Million Limitation on Exempt Small Issues of Industrial Development Bonds;
Supplemental Capital Expenditure Statements (LR–185–84 Final)
Arbitrage Restrictions and Guidance on Issue Price Definition for Tax Exempt Bonds

Supplementary Information: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; correction.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018.