

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management (OPM)

ACTION: Notice of a computer matching
program between OPM and the Social
Security Administration (SSA) for
comment.

SUMMARY: OPM is publishing notice of
its computer matching program with
SSA to meet the reporting and
publication requirements of Public Law
100-503, the Computer Matching and
Privacy Protection Act of 1988. The
purpose of this match is to identify
beneficiaries who have remarried and
not reported the remarriages to OPM.
Generally, remarriage terminates
benefits for survivor annuitants 55 years
of age or younger. A recent amendment
creates an exception based on a
marriage that lasted 30 years or more. In
this match, OPM will provide SSA with
surnames, dates of birth, and Social
Security Numbers to identify survivor
beneficiaries who have not reported
remarriages to OPM and are improperly
receiving benefits under the Civil
Service Retirement and Federal
Employees' Retirement Systems (CSRS
and FERS). The match will be
conducted with SSA's Numident file, a
source of beneficiaries' current
surnames.

DATES: This proposed action will
become effective 40 days after the
agreements by the parties participating
in the match have been submitted to
Congress and the Office of Management
and Budget (OMB), unless either the
Congress or OMB objects thereto. Any
public comment on this matching
program must be submitted within the
30-day public notice period, which
begins on the publication date of this
notice.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may
submit written comments to Kathleen
M. McGettigan, Assistant Director for
Systems, Finance, and Administration,
Retirement and Insurance Service,
Office of Personnel Management, Room
4316, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington,
D.C. 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM and
SSA have concluded an agreement to
conduct a computer matching program
between the two agencies. The purpose
of this agreement is to establish the

conditions under which SSA agrees to
the disclosure of information from the
Numident file to OPM. The legal
authority for this matching program can
be found in 5 U.S.C. sections 8341,
8347, 8442 and 8461.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance
Director.

Report of Computer Matching Agreement Between the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Social Security Administration (SSA)

A. Participating Agencies

OPM and SSA.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

Chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United
States Code (U.S.C.) provide the basis
for paying a survivor annuity to
widows, widowers, former spouses, or
children. The purpose of this match is
to identify beneficiaries who have
remarried and not reported the
remarriage to OPM. A surviving widow,
widower, or former spouse loses
entitlement to a survivor annuity upon
remarrying before becoming 55 years of
age. OPM has been required to terminate
the survivor annuity. A recent
amendment creates an exception to the
termination requirement, under certain
conditions, for marriages that have
lasted 30 or more years. This allows
eligibility for a survivor annuity based
on a 30-or-more-year marriage to
continue, and terminate only upon the
death of the survivor annuitant (or in
the case of a former spouse, as specified
by the terms of the court order).

In this match, OPM will provide SSA
with surnames, dates of birth, and
Social Security Numbers for a sample of
beneficiaries to identify survivor
beneficiaries who have not reported
remarriages to OPM and are improperly
receiving benefits under the Civil
Service Retirement and Federal
Employees Retirement Systems (CSRS
and FERS). The match will be
conducted with SSA's Numident file, a
source of beneficiaries' current
surnames.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

5 U.S.C., Sections 8341, 8347, 8442,
8461 and 552a (Privacy Act).

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The SSA file used in the match is
contained in SSA System of Records
09-60-0058, Master Files of Social
Security Number holders, last published
at 60 FR 2144, January 6, 1995. OPM's
records consist of annuity data from its

system of records entitled OPM.Central-
1-Civil Service Retirement and
Insurance Records, last published in the
Federal Register at 60 FR 63075,
December 8, 1995.

E. Description of Matching Program

OPM will disclose to SSA the Social
Security Numbers, dates of birth, sex
codes, and names of beneficiaries under
CSRS and FERS whose benefits could be
affected by remarriage. SSA will
identify and provide OPM with an
extract of the Numident record for each
record that SSA matches. OPM will only
use those data elements pertinent to the
purpose of the match.

F. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

This computer matching program is
subject to review by the Congress and
the Office of Management and Budget
(OMB). OPM's report to these parties
must be at least 40 days prior to the
initiation of any matching activity. If no
objections are raised by either Congress
or OMB, and the mandatory 30-day
public notice period for comment for
this **Federal Register** notice expires,
with no significant receipt of adverse
public comments resulting in a contrary
determination, then this computer
matching program becomes effective. By
agreement between OPM and SSA, the
matching program will be in effect and
continue for 18 months with an option
to renew for 12 additional months under
the terms set forth in 5 U.S.C.
552a(o)(2)(D).

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to Small Order Execution System Tier Size Classifications

June 19, 1998.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on
May 29, 1998, the National Association of
Securities Dealers ("NASD" or
"Association") filed with the Securities
and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or
"Commission") the proposed rule

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).