

Background. Currently, SSA has no reliable, statistically valid means of capturing race/ethnicity data in our core business process. While some Race/Ethnicity data is collected by Form SS-5, the Application for Social Security Card, it is not provided to SSA through other means of enumerating individuals; e.g., the Enumeration at Birth and Enumeration at Entry processes. Additionally, it is not collected during the disability application process. We believe that adding race/ethnicity as questions to SSA's applications for benefits will enable SSA to improve its administrative data. Consequently, we intend to collect this information in other SSA application processes. OMB mandated that Federal agencies collecting race and ethnicity information must use consistent standards established by OMB. We will follow the OMB standards when collecting our Race/Ethnicity data.

#### Race & Ethnicity Qualitative Research

Before SSA collects Race/Ethnicity data, we plan to conduct several voluntary focus groups with members of the public to assess their opinions, reactions and recommendations on a proposed form that will be used to collect the information. The questions and race and ethnicity categories will follow the standards developed by OMB. The information from this research will be used to develop a comprehensive collection form. The respondents are members of the public who volunteer to participate in the Race/Ethnicity questions focus groups.

**Note:** Please note that this **Federal Register** Notice is only for the Race and Ethnicity Quality Research focus groups. We will post a separate **Federal Register** Notice in the future for the actual Race and Ethnicity information collection.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 96 (8 focus groups, 12 participants).

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 90 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 144 hours.

Dated: October 3, 2007.

**Elizabeth A. Davidson,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5954]

### Determination and Certification Under Section 599E of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-102), as Carried Forward by the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including under section 559E of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-102), as carried forward by the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5), I hereby determine and certify that:

(1) Assistance for the fiscal year will be provided only for individuals who have (A) verifiably renounced and terminated any affiliation or involvement with FTOs or other illegal armed groups; and (B) are meeting all the requirements of the Colombian Demobilization Program, including having disclosed their involvement in past crimes and their knowledge of the FTO's structure, financing sources, illegal assets, and the location of kidnapping victims and bodies of the disappeared;

(2) the Government of Colombia is providing full cooperation to the Government of the United States to extradite the leaders and members of the FTOs who have been indicted in the United States for murder, kidnapping, narcotics trafficking, and other violations of United States law;

(3) the Government of Colombia is implementing a concrete and workable framework for dismantling the organizational structures of foreign terrorist organizations; and

(4) funds shall not be made available as cash payments to individuals and are available only for activities under the following categories: Verification, reintegration (including training and education), vetting, recovery of assets for reparations for victims, and investigations and prosecutions.

This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register** and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Dated: September 28, 2007.

**Condoleezza Rice,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension of the information collection request (ICR) OMB No. 2105-0552, Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport. The current information collection request approved by OMB expires on March 31, 2008.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 10, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W-12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W-12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Goodman or Blane Workie, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, W-96-422, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-0205. Refer to OMB Control Number 2105-0552.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0552.