

been extended to 60 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 6, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to U.S. Customs Service, Attention: Office of Regulations & Rulings, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (Mint Annex), Washington, DC 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwendolyn Savoy, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, 1300, Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, (202) 572-8710.

Dated: November 4, 2002.

**Joanne Roman Stump,**

*Chief, Intellectual Property Rights Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury is announcing a new fee schedule for the transfer of book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES). This fee

schedule will take effect on January 2, 2003. The basic fee for the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security will decrease from \$.49 to \$.27, a 45 percent fee reduction from CY 2002. Concurrent with Treasury's fee reduction, the Federal Reserve will be decreasing the fee for the movement of funds from \$.06 to \$.05. These changes will result in a combined fee of \$.32 for a Treasury security transfer. This represents a \$.23 fee reduction from CY 2002.

In addition to the basic fee, off-line transfers have a surcharge. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry transfer in CY 2003 will be \$25.00, unchanged from CY 2002.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 2, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edward C. Leithead, Director, Primary & Secondary Market Fixed Income Securities (Financing), Bureau of the Public Debt, Suite 3014, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, telephone (212) 264-6358.

John M. Lilly, Financial Systems Analyst, Bureau of the Public Debt, Room 510, 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20239-0001, telephone (202) 691-3550.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 1, 1985, the Department of the Treasury established a fee structure for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES.

Based on the latest review of book-entry costs and volumes, Treasury will decrease its basic fee from the levels currently in effect. Effective January 2, 2003, the basic fee will decrease from \$.49 to \$.27 for each Treasury securities transfer and reversal sent and received,

a 45 percent fee reduction from CY 2002. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry transfer in CY 2003 will be \$25.00, unchanged from CY 2002.

The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives is reflective of costs associated with the processing of a security transfer. The off-line surcharge reflects the additional processing costs associated with the manual processing of off-line securities transfers.

The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. The Federal Reserve System assesses a fee to recover the costs associated with the processing of the funds component of Treasury book-entry transfer messages, as well as the costs of providing book-entry services for government agencies on NBES. Information concerning book-entry transfers of government Agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate **Federal Register** notice published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in this issue of the **Federal Register** (Federal Reserve Docket No. R-1133).

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January 2, 2003, for the book-entry transfers on NBES:

#### TREASURY-NBES FEE SCHEDULE <sup>1</sup>

[Effective January 2, 2003, (in dollars)]

Transfer type	Basic fee	Off-line Surcharge	Funds <sup>2</sup> movement fee	Total fee
On-line transfer originated .....	.27	.00	.05	.32
On-line transfer received .....	.27	.00	.05	.32
On-line reversal transfer originated .....	.27	.00	.05	.32
On-line reversal transfer received .....	.27	.00	.05	.32
Off-line transfer originated .....	.27	25.00	.05	25.32
Off-line transfer received .....	.27	25.00	.25	25.32
Off-line account switch received .....	.27	.00	.05	.32
Off-line reversal transfer originated .....	.27	25.00	.05	25.32
Off-line reversal transfer received .....	.27	25.05	.25	25.32

<sup>1</sup> The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

<sup>2</sup> The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

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Dated: October 23, 2002.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Branch Offices

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before January 6, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [publicinfo@ots.treas.gov](mailto:publicinfo@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Nadine Washington, Information Systems, Administration & Finance, (202) 906-6706, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Branch Offices.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0006.

*Form Number:* OTS Forms 1450 and 1558.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR 545.92 and 545.95.

*Description:* 12 CFR 545.92 and 545.95 require Federally-chartered institutions proposing to establish a branch office or to change the location of a branch office to file an application or notice with OTS.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Savings Associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,089.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Event-generated.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 1,634 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Charter Conversions

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**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

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