

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board)

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the “agencies”) may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

On September 29, 2004, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), published a notice in the *Federal Register* (69 FR 58171) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the currently approved information collections: the Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002) and the Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002S). The comment period for this notice expired on November 29, 2004. No comments were received. The Board hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to OMB on behalf of the agencies a request for approval of the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the agency listed below. All comments should refer to the OMB control number and will be shared among the agencies. You may submit comments, identified by FFIEC 002 (7100-0032) or FFIEC 002S

(7100-0273), by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web Site: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: 202-452-3819 or 202-452-3102.
- Mail: Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's web site at

www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm as submitted, except as necessary for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, N.W.) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information or a copy of the collections may be requested from Michelle Long, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer, 202-452-3829, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may call 202-263-4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to extend for three years without revision the following currently approved collections of informations:

1. *Report Title:* Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks

Form Number: FFIEC 002

OMB Number: 7100-0032

Frequency of Response: Quarterly

Affected Public: U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks

Estimated Number of Respondents: 275

Estimated Time per Response: 22.75 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 25,025 hours

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 3105(b)(2), 1817(a)(1) and (3), and 3102(b). Except for select sensitive items, this information collection is not given confidential treatment [5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)].

Abstract: On a quarterly basis, all U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks (U.S. branches) are required to file detailed schedules of assets and liabilities in the form of a condition report and a variety of supporting schedules. This information is used to fulfill the supervisory and regulatory requirements of the International Banking Act of 1978. The data are also used to augment the bank credit, loan, and deposit information needed for monetary policy and other public policy purposes. The Federal Reserve System collects and processes this report on behalf of all three agencies.

2. *Report Title:* Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank

Form Number: FFIEC 002S

OMB Number: 7100-0273

Frequency of Response: Quarterly

Affected Public: U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks

Estimated Number of Respondents: 74

Estimated Time per Response: 6 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,776 hours

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 3105(b)(2), 1817(a)(1) and (3), and 3102(b) and is given confidential treatment [5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)].

Abstract: On a quarterly basis, all U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks are required to file detailed schedules of their assets and liabilities in the form FFIEC 002. The FFIEC 002S is a separate supplement to the FFIEC 002 that collects information on assets and liabilities of any non-U.S. branch that is “managed or controlled” by a U.S. branch or agency of the foreign bank. Managed or controlled means that a majority of the responsibility for business decisions, including but not limited to decisions with regard to lending or asset management or funding or liability management, or the responsibility for recordkeeping in respect of assets or liabilities for that foreign branch resides at the U.S. branch or agency. A separate FFIEC 002S must be completed for each managed or controlled non-U.S. branch. The FFIEC 002S must be filed quarterly along with the U.S. branch’s or agency’s FFIEC 002.

The data are used for: (1) monitoring deposit and credit transactions of U.S. residents; (2) monitoring the impact of policy changes; (3) analyzing structural issues concerning foreign bank activity in U.S. markets; (4) understanding flows of banking funds and indebtedness of developing countries in connection with data collected by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) that are used in economic analysis; and

(5) assisting in the supervision of U.S. offices of foreign banks, which often are managed jointly with these branches.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

- a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
 - b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
 - d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology;
- and
- e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 24, 2005.

(signed)

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Deputy Secretary of the Board.