

SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 21, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned its line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by January 16, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: January 9, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Customs Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and Customs Service (Customs).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, FinCEN and Customs invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 17, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to:

FinCEN: Office of Chief Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183-0039, Attention: PRA Comments—Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address:

"regcomments@fincen.treas.gov" with the caption in the body of the text, *"Attention: PRA Comments—Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments."*

Customs: U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Walter Wilkowski, Financial Investigations, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 7.2C, Washington, DC 20229. Telephone (202) 927-1469.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or for a copy of the form should be directed to:

FinCEN: Russell Stephenson, Office of Regulatory Programs, FinCEN, at (202) 354-6400 (This is not a toll free number).

Customs: U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Walter Wilkowski, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 7.2C, Washington, DC 20229. Tel. (202) 927-1469.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments.

OMB Number: 1506-0014.

Form Number: Customs form 4790.

Abstract: The Bank Secrecy Act, titles I and II of Public Law 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to issue regulations requiring records and reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters. Regulations implementing title II of the Bank Secrecy Act (codified at 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330) appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary to administer title II of the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN.

The Bank Secrecy Act specifically states that "a person or an agent or bailee of the person shall file a report * * * when the person, agent, or bailee knowingly—(1) transports, is about to transport, or has transported, monetary instruments of more than \$10,000 at one

time—(A) from a place in the United States to or through a place outside the United States; or (B) to a place in the United States from or through a place outside the United States; or (2) receives monetary instruments of more than \$10,000 at one time transported into the United States from or through a place outside the United States." 31 U.S.C. 5316(a). The requirement of 31 U.S.C. 5316(a) has been implemented through regulations promulgated at 31 CFR 103.23 and through the instructions to the Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments (CMIR), U.S. Customs Service form 4790.

Information collected on the CMIR is made available, in accordance with strict safeguards, to appropriate criminal law enforcement and regulatory personnel in the official performance of their duties. The information collected is of use in investigations involving international and domestic money laundering, tax evasion, fraud, and other financial crimes.

Current Actions: The CMIR is being revised to increase the reliability of the data for investigative purposes and to clarify data fields on the form. Most data fields have been modified to include lines or boxes. A section has been designated for those transporting currency or monetary instruments (part II). The section required for mailing or shipping has been "shaded" and separated into its own section (part IV) to distinguish it from the rest of the form. The "Other monetary instruments" field has been expanded to include specific types of monetary instruments so that filers can easily select the appropriate type(s) they are transporting.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, business or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 11 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 45,834 hours.

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 the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years. Generally, information collected pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act is confidential, but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.