

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Formula and Process for Nonbeverage Product.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 14, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Steve Simon, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8183.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Formula and Process for Nonbeverage Product.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0095.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5154.1.

*Abstract:* The information collected on ATF F 5154.1 is used by ATF laboratory personnel to determine whether the product described on the form is eligible for nonbeverage drawback. This determination is made once for each formula that is submitted. Records must be kept as long as claims are filed under the formula, and for 3 years thereafter.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 611.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,500.

**Request For Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

**Steve L. Mathis,**

*Acting Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.*

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Cliff Mullen, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8181.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Annual Report of Concentrate Manufacturers and Usual and Customary Business Records—Volatile Fruit-Flavor Concentrate Plants.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0098.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5520.2.

*Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number:* ATF REC 5520/1.

*Abstract:* Manufacturers of volatile fruit-flavor concentrate must provide reports as necessary to insure the protection of the revenue. The report accounts for all concentrates manufactured, removed, or treated so as to be unfit for beverage use. The information is required to verify that alcohol is not being diverted thereby jeopardizing tax revenues. Records and reports will be retained by the proprietor for 3 years from the date they were prepared, or 3 years from the date of the last entry, whichever is later.

*Current Actions:* There has been a small increase in the number of respondents which results in an increase in burden hours.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 91.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30.

**Request For Comments**

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Dated: June 29, 1998.

**Steve L. Mathis,**

*Acting Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**SUBJECT:** Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 F.R. 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 F.R. 27393, July 2, 1985).

**ACTION:** I hereby determine that the objects on the list specified below, to be included in the exhibit, "Buddhist Treasures from Nara," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Cleveland Museum of Art, in Cleveland, Ohio, from on or about August 9, 1998, to on or about September 27, 1998, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Epstein, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-6981, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974, Addition of Routine Use to Three Systems of Records

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to add a routine use to three existing systems of records.

**DATES:** The proposed routine use will be effective 30 calendar days from the date of this publication July 14, 1998, unless comments are received before this date which would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed amended routine use statements to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. All relevant material received before August 13, 1998, will be considered. All written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas D. Roberts, Deputy Chief Counsel, Board of Veterans' Appeals (01C3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-5978.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under current law and regulations, VA reviews fee agreements between beneficiaries and attorneys for two reasons: to award attorney fees out of a beneficiary's past-due benefits (38 U.S.C. 5904(d)) and to review fee agreements between a beneficiary and an attorney under 38 U.S.C. 5904(c)(2). Both actions are taken by the Board of Veterans' Appeals. In either instance, VA regulations (for example, 38 CFR 20.609) and principles of due process require that both the beneficiary and the attorney have notice and a right to present evidence and/or argument before the Board makes a decision. Because the nature of representation before VA includes waiver of Privacy Act provisions, there is generally no legal bar to providing a representative the information necessary to make whatever presentation is appropriate—for example, notice of an award of past-due benefits.

In some cases, a beneficiary, for a number of possible reasons, will have discharged the attorney prior to the Board's action. VA's General Counsel has ruled that, under some circumstances, a discharged attorney may be paid a fee out of past-due benefits awarded to the beneficiary. VAOPGREC 22-95, 61 FR 10063, 10064

(Mar. 12, 1996). Similarly, the Board could be required to review an agreement for reasonableness after the attorney has been discharged. In either case, because of Privacy Act restrictions, the Board is required to contact the beneficiary to obtain permission to provide proper notice to the attorney.

This routine use would permit VA to disclose information to former representatives to the extent necessary to develop and adjudicate a claim for payment of attorney fees from past-due benefits or to review a fee agreement. VA would not be permitted to release a beneficiary's address under this routine use.

VA has determined that release of information under circumstances such as those described above is a necessary and proper use of information in this system of records and that the specific routine use proposed for the transfer of this information is appropriate.

VA proposes to add the routine use to the following systems of records which are contained in the **Federal Register** at the following pages indicated.

44VA01 Veterans Appellate Records System, established at 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and revised at 56 FR 15663 (4/17/91).

81VA01 Representatives' Fee Agreement Records system established at 56 FR 18874 (4/24/91) and amended at 57 FR 8792 (3/12/92).

58VA21/22 Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records established at 41 FR 9294 (3/3/76) and amended at 43 FR 3984 (1/30/78); 43 FR 15026 (4/10/78); 43 FR 23797 (6/1/78); 45 FR 57641 (8/28/80); 45 FR 77220 (11/21/80); 47 FR 367 (1/5/82); 47 FR 16132 (4/14/82); 47 FR 40742 (9/15/82); 48 FR 1384 (1/12/83); 48 FR 15994 (4/13/83); 48 FR 39197 (8/29/83); 48 FR 52798 (11/22/83); 49 FR 23974 (6/8/84); 49 FR 36046 (9/13/84); 50 FR 10886 (3/18/85); 50 FR 26875 (6/28/85); 50 FR 31453 (8/2/85); 51 FR 24781 (7/8/86); 51 FR 25141 (7/10/86); 51 FR 28289 (8/6/86); 51 FR 36894 (10/16/86); 52 FR 4078 (2/9/87); 54 FR 36933 (9/5/89); 55 FR 28508 (7/11/90); 55 FR 42540 (10/19/90); 56 FR 15667 (4/17/91); 56 FR 16354 (4/22/91); 57 FR 12374 (4/9/92); 57 FR 44007 (9/23/92); 58 FR 38164 (7/15/93); 58 FR 54643 (10/22/93); 60 FR 20156 (4/24/95), and 63 FR 7196 (2/12/98).

A "Report of Altered System" and an advance copy of the revised system have been sent to the chairmen and ranking members of the Committee on Governmental Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and to the Office of Management and Budget, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o) (Privacy Act) and