Justification for Non-substantive Change Request

0920-0134: Foreign Quarantine Regulations

7/25/2012

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is requesting a non-substantive change to the Foreign Quarantine Regulations (0920-0134). As the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has now formally adopted the standard Passenger Locator Form (PLF), we now request the removal of the current terms of clearance which read*: “OMB does not approve CDC's request not to display the OMB control number on the Passenger Locator Card.”*

This request is directly related to a previous request for exemption from the display of an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number on one form, the Passenger Locator form (PLF). The PLF is used to collect data from travelers who have been exposed to communicable diseases while aboard an aircraft and who may require notification. CDC and other international partners worked towards standardization and adoption of this form by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) into its Annex 9 as the international standard PLF. ICAO formally approved the form as the standard PLF, or Appendix 13 of Annex 9 on June 18th, 2012. The increased efficiency and clarity afforded by the use of one internationally recognized form for passenger data collection is a benefit to airline industry and crew, international travelers, and U.S. and other nations’ public health authorities. The use of two different PLFs, one with the OMB control number and one without, will continue to hinder international harmonization of data collection and will continue to pose an obstacle to efficient and effective international response in the event of a pandemic or large scale public health event.

There will be no change to the content or format of the PLF, nor any change in burden or the respondents.