

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. JUSTIFICATION:

FS Form 1048, "Claim for Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed United States Savings Bonds."

FS Form 2243, "Supplemental Statement for United States Securities."

OMB Number 1530-0021

1. Explain the circumstances that make this collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.

The information collected through FS Form 1048 and FS Form 2243 is necessary to apply for relief on account of the loss, theft, or destruction of United States Savings Bonds or the non-receipt of United States Securities.

2. Indicate how, by whom and for what purpose is this information used?

The information on the completed form is used by the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service to identify the securities involved and to establish the authority to issue substitute securities or payment in lieu thereof. Without the information, the transaction cannot be completed.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology? What consideration is given to use information technology to reduce burden?

The forms are available from the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and also on the Internet as a fill-in PDF form.

4. Describe efforts are used to identity duplication? Why can't any similar information already available be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above?

The information on the forms is collected for a single purpose when it is necessary to apply for relief on account of the loss, theft, or destruction of United States Savings Bonds or the non-receipt of United States Securities. No other federal governmental agency collects this type of information, therefore, no duplication exists.

5. If this collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, what methods are used to minimize burden?

This collection of information does not impact small business or other small entities.

6. What consequences to Federal program or policy activities and what, if any, technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden will occur if this collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently?

Information requested on the forms is voluntary, however, without the use of the forms, the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and its agents would not have the ability to re-issue securities, process transactions, make payments, and identify owners and their accounts.

7. Is this collection of information conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.6?

The collection of information cannot be conducted less frequently because the collection is initiated for a single purpose.

15. What is the reason for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I?

The decrease of 3,648 burden hours is due to an adjustment to correct the time per response for FS Form 2243 previously reported; from 20 minutes to 5 minutes.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication.

The results of the collection of this information will not be published for statistical use.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection, what are the reasons that the display would be inappropriate?

The public interest will be better served by not displaying an expiration date on Form FS Form 1048 and 2243. The time period during which the current edition of the form will continue to be usable cannot be predicted. It could easily span several cycles of review and OMB clearance renewal. Displaying the expiration date would make it necessary to update the electronic form and website where it is accessed after each renewal. Additionally, not displaying the expiration date on the form will avoid confusion among members of the public who may have identical forms with different expiration dates in their possession. By not displaying the expiration date, supplies of the form could continue to be used regardless of when the OMB approval has expired. This would reduce costs incurred through additional printing and desktop publishing.

18. What are the exceptions to the certification statement?

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. This collection does not employ statistical methods.