

**Supporting Statement for the  
Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks  
(FFIEC 002; OMB No. 7100-0032)  
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; OMB No. 7100-0032)**

**Summary**

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) requests approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend for three years, without revision, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002; OMB No. 7100-0032) and 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; OMB No. 7100-0032). The Board submits this request on behalf of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). No separate submission will be made by either of those agencies.

The FFIEC 002 is required and must be submitted quarterly by U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks. All U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks 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 (IBA). This report is mandated by the FFIEC for collection by the Board, the FDIC, and the OCC (collectively, the agencies) in accordance with procedures under Title 10 of the Financial Institutions Regulatory Act. The FFIEC 002S is a mandatory supplement to the FFIEC 002 and 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 a foreign bank.<sup>1</sup> A separate supplement is completed for each applicable foreign branch. The FFIEC 002S data improve U.S. deposit and credit data and data on international indebtedness, and are of assistance to U.S. bank supervisors in determining the extent of assets managed or controlled by the U.S. agency or branch of the foreign bank.

The annual burden for the FFIEC 002 is estimated to be 22,684 hours and the annual burden for the FFIEC 002S is estimated to be 1,176 hours.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## **Background and Justification**

### **Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002)**

The agencies use the FFIEC 002 report for supervisory and regulatory purposes. The Board also uses the data for monetary policy purposes. The report is similar to the Call Report (FFIEC 031 and FFIEC 041; OMB No. 7100-0036) required of all U.S. commercial banks and savings associations, although the FFIEC 002 collects fewer data items.

The IBA expresses the intent of the Congress to equalize the supervisory and regulatory treatment between foreign and domestic-owned financial institutions operating in the United States, which specifies that foreign banks' branches and agencies in the United States are to be subject to the supervisory authority of the U.S. federal banking agencies and that responsibility for federal supervision is to be shared among the agencies.

As one step in carrying out the supervisory and regulatory responsibilities imposed by the IBA, the agencies instituted the FFIEC 002 in June 1980. The FFIEC 002 replaced a Federal Reserve report, FR 886a that had been collected from U.S. branches and agencies since 1972. The FFIEC 002 was revised extensively effective December 1985, when several schedules were deleted, data items were added to collect separate data on International Banking Facilities (IBFs), and schedules were added covering quarterly averages (Schedule K), commitments and contingencies (Schedule L), and past due loans (Schedule N). The report also was revised to conform as closely as possible to the quarterly Call Report for domestic banks.

Effective June 2001, the agencies expanded the information collected in the FFIEC 002 to facilitate more effective analysis of the impact of securitization and asset sale activities on credit exposures, introduced a separate new schedule (Schedule S) that comprehensively captures information related to securitization and asset sale activities, and eliminated the confidential treatment for the information on Schedule N. Effective December 2001, the agencies changed the manner in which branches and agencies report information on their trust activities. Branches and agencies that previously filed the Annual Report of Trust Assets (FFIEC 001) instead began to file a new Fiduciary and Related Services Schedule (Fiduciary Schedule) (Schedule T) as part of the FFIEC 002. Branches and agencies that have fiduciary or related activity are required to report certain trust information in Schedule T annually.

On February 7, 2011, the FDIC Board adopted a final rule amending the FDIC's regulations to redefine the assessment base used for calculating deposit insurance as prescribed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act). In June 2011, the agencies implemented the following assessment-related reporting revisions to the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S through the emergency clearance process, effective with the June 30, 2011, report date: (1) the deletion of existing data items for the total daily averages of deposit liabilities before exclusions, allowable exclusions, and foreign deposits and (2) the addition of data items for reporting average consolidated total assets, average tangible equity, and the holdings of long-term unsecured debt issued by other FDIC-insured depository institutions.

In addition to its supervisory and regulatory uses, the FFIEC 002 provides information needed for monetary and financial analysis essential for the conduct of monetary policy. The branches and agencies of foreign banks are a large and growing part of the U.S. banking system, with assets exceeding \$1 trillion as of March 31, 2001. The FFIEC 002 provides the benchmark data needed to derive adequate weekly estimates from the sample report titled Weekly Report of Selected Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Chartered Commercial Banks and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FR 2644; OMB No. 7100-0075). The weekly estimates are used to analyze credit developments and sources and uses of funds for the banking sector and to assess current financial developments within the entire U.S. banking system. They help to interpret the bank credit and deposit information needed for both monetary policy decisions and for gauging the response to those decisions.

### **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)**

For a number of years, foreign banks have conducted a large banking business at branches domiciled in offshore centers, primarily in the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas. For a fee, foreign banks are able to use these offshore branches to conduct a banking business free of any U.S. reserve requirements or FDIC premiums. While nominally domiciled in these offshore centers, these branches are often largely run out of the banks' U.S. agency or branch office, with a separate set of books but often with overlapping management responsibilities. The transactions of these offshore branches are often largely with U.S. residents.

The FFIEC 002S is collected for several reasons: (1) to monitor deposit and credit transactions of U.S. residents; (2) to monitor the impact of policy changes such as changes in reserve requirements; (3) to analyze structural issues concerning foreign bank activities in U.S. markets; (4) to understand flows of banking funds and indebtedness of developing countries in connection with data collected by the International Monetary Fund and the Bank for International Settlements that are used in economic analysis; and (5) to provide information to assist in the supervision of U.S. offices of foreign banks, which often are managed jointly with these branches.

The FFIEC 002S collects detail on transactions with U.S. residents and with residents of the banks' home country. In most cases these data cover a large proportion of their total activities since many of the non G-10<sup>2</sup> bank branches have heavy exposures to their home countries and G-10 banks are dealing largely with U.S. customers. The data improve U.S. deposit and credit data and data on international indebtedness, and are of assistance to U.S. bank supervisors in determining the extent of assets managed or controlled by the U.S. agency or branch of the foreign bank. In theory a foreign bank with an offshore branch and no U.S. presence would escape reporting. In practice this omission is likely to be relatively minor because each of the 50 largest non-U.S. banks in the world operates at least one agency or branch in the United States.

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<sup>2</sup> The Group of Ten (G-10) is made up of eleven industrial countries (Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States) which consult and cooperate on economic, monetary and financial matters.

## **Description of Information Collection**

The reporting panel for the FFIEC 002 includes all U.S. branches and agencies (including their IBFs) of foreign banks, whether federally licensed or state chartered, insured or uninsured. The FFIEC 002 consists of a summary schedule of assets and liabilities (Schedule RAL) and several supporting schedules. Information is required in each schedule on balances of the entire reporting branch or agency. On the schedules for cash (Schedule A), loans (Schedule C), and deposits (Schedule E), separate detail is reported on balances of IBFs. Unlike the Call Report for domestic banks and thrifts, the FFIEC 002 collects no income data.

The FFIEC 002S covers all of the foreign branch's assets and liabilities, regardless of the currency in which they are payable. The supplement also covers transactions with all entities, both related and nonrelated, regardless of location. All due from/due to relationships with related institutions, both depository and nondepository, are reported on a gross basis, that is, without netting due from and due to data items against each other.

## **Time Schedule for Information Collection and Publication**

The FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S are collected as of the end of the last calendar day of March, June, September, and December. U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks must submit the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S to the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank within 30 calendar days following the report date. After the processing and editing functions have been completed, the Board sends the data to the FDIC and OCC for their use in monitoring the U.S. activities of foreign banks under their supervision. Aggregate data for all U.S. branches and agencies that file the FFIEC 002 are published in the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* and are also used in developing flow of funds estimates and the estimates published in the Federal Reserve weekly H.8 statistical release, *Assets and Liabilities of Commercial Banks in the United States*. Aggregate data for the FFIEC 002S are available to the public upon request.

Individual respondent data, excluding confidential information, are available to the public from the National Technical Information Service in Springfield, Virginia, upon request. In addition, individual respondent data are also available on the FFIEC public website at [www.ffiec.gov/nicpubweb/nicweb/nichome.aspx](http://www.ffiec.gov/nicpubweb/nicweb/nichome.aspx).

## **Legal Status**

The Board's Legal Division has determined that section 7(c)(2) of the IBA (12 U.S.C. § 3105(c)(2)) authorizes the agencies to require the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S. In addition, section 4(b) of the IBA (12 U.S.C. § 3102(b)) authorizes the OCC to collect the information from Federal branches and Federal agencies of foreign banks. Further, section 7(a) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. § 1817(a)) authorizes the agencies to collect the information from insured branches of foreign banks. The Board's Legal Division has also determined that the individual respondent information on the FFIEC 002 contained in Schedule M (Due from/Due to Related Institutions in the U.S. and in Foreign Countries) and the FFIEC 002S is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §

552(b)(4)). Information from all other schedules of the FFIEC 002 is available to the public on request.

### Consultation Outside the Agency and Discussion of Public Comments

On May 6, 2015, the Board, under the auspices of the FFIEC and on behalf of the FDIC and the OCC, published a notice in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 26050) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S. The comment period for this notice expired on July 6, 2015. The agencies received one comment expressing support for extension of the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S. On August 18, 2015, the Board published a final 30 day notice in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 49999). The comment period for this notice expires on September 17, 2015.

### Estimate of Respondent Burden

The current estimated annual reporting burden for the FFIEC 002 is 22,684 hours, and the current estimated annual reporting burden for the FFIEC 002S is 1,176 hours and would remain unchanged. These reporting requirements represent less than 1 percent of the total Federal Reserve System paperwork burden.

	<i>Number of respondents<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Annual frequency</i>	<i>Estimated average hours per response</i>	<i>Estimated annual burden hours</i>
FFIEC 002	223	4	25.43	22,684
FFIEC 002S	49	4	6	<u>1,176</u>
<i>Total</i>				23,860

The total cost to the public for the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S is estimated to be \$1,234,755.<sup>4</sup>

### Sensitive Questions

This collection of information contains no questions of a sensitive nature, as defined by OMB guidelines.

<sup>3</sup> Of these respondents, the number of small entities as defined by the Small Business Administration (i.e., entities with less than \$550 million in total assets) is 89 for the FFIEC 002 and 11 for the FFIEC 002S.

<sup>4</sup> Total cost to the public was estimated using the following formula: percent of staff time, multiplied by annual burden hours, multiplied by hourly rates (30% Office & Administrative Support at \$17, 45% Financial Managers at \$63, 15% Lawyers at \$64, and 10% Chief Executives at \$87). Hourly rates for each occupational group are the (rounded) mean hourly wages from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), *Occupational Employment and Wages May 2014*, published March 25, 2015, [www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm). Occupations are defined using the BLS Occupational Classification System, [www.bls.gov/soc/](http://www.bls.gov/soc/).

## **Estimate of Cost to the Federal Reserve System**

The current annual cost to the Federal Reserve System for collecting and processing the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S is estimated to be \$62,700.00. The Federal Reserve System collects and processes the data for all three of the agencies.