



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Steven I. Cooper
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Dear Mr. Cooper:

Enclosed is a request for expedited review and approval by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) for the following information collection, comprised of two forms, related to the implementation of Section 203 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, Pub. L. 113-67 (Act):

- (i) Limited Access Death Master File Accredited Conformity Assessment Body Systems Safeguards Attestation Form; and
- (ii) Limited Access Death Master File State or Local Auditor General or Inspector General Systems Safeguards Attestation Form.

Section 203 prohibits disclosure of information from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Death Master File (DMF) during the three-calendar-year period following an individual's death (referred to as "Limited Access DMF"), unless the person requesting the information has been certified under a program established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary). The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out Section 203 to the Director of NTIS. The final rule implementing Section 203 of the Act will be effective on November 28, 2016, replacing and superseding the interim final rule currently in place.

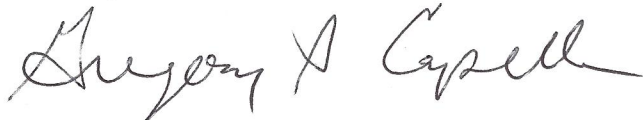
The final rule contains new requirements for certification, including the submission with a person's application of a written attestation from an "Accredited Conformity Assessment Body" (ACAB) that the person meets the safeguarding requirements of the final rule for the protection of Limited Access DMF information. A state or local government Auditor General (AG) or Inspector General (IG) may submit the written attestation for a state or local government department or agency seeking certification or renewal if the AG or IG is a department or agency of the same state or local government. The new information collection will be used by ACABs and state or local AGs and IGs attesting on the behalf of the applicants.

In drafting the information collection, NTIS has given careful and diligent consideration to the inquiries from members of the public that it received about the ACAB requirement and other matters since the publication of the final rule.

Many businesses and other organizations, including credit card companies, financial institutions, health and life insurance companies, medical and health care organizations, as well as state and

local government departments and agencies, rely upon uninterrupted access to the Limited Access DMF. If the information collection is not available for use under the final rule, such persons who require a renewal of certification will not be able to be recertified and will experience a disruption in access. Accordingly, NTIS requires expedited review and approval of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act to be able to implement the final rule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Capella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a distinct "C".

Greg Capella

Deputy Director