

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2011–0050) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by May 21, 2012 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 30, 2012.

**Ron Hynes,**

*Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, 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 a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, “Recordkeeping Requirements for Securities Transactions—12 CFR parts 12 and 151.”

**DATES:** You should submit comments by May 7, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1–5, Attention: 1557–0142, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874–4448, or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874–5043.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557–0142, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Mary H. Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 874–4824, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

**Title:** Recordkeeping Requirements for Securities Transactions—12 CFR parts 12 and 151.

**OMB Number:** 1557–0142.

**Description:** This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no change to the regulation or to the information collection requirements. The only revisions to the submission are the revised estimates, which have been updated.

The information collection requirements in 12 CFR parts 12 and 151 are required to ensure national bank compliance with securities laws and to improve the protection afforded persons who purchase and sell securities through banks. The transaction confirmation information provides customers with a record regarding the transaction and provides banks and the OCC with records to ensure compliance with banking and securities laws and regulations. The OCC uses the required information in its examinations to, among other things, evaluate a bank's compliance with the antifraud provisions of the Federal securities laws.

The information collection requirements contained in 12 CFR part 12 are as follows:

- Section 12.3 requires a national bank effecting securities transactions for customers to maintain records for at least three years. The records required by this section must clearly and accurately reflect the information required and provide an adequate basis for the audit of the information.

- 151.50 (a), (b), (c), and (d) requires savings associations to maintain an itemized daily records of each purchase and sale of securities in chronological order; they must maintain the account record of each customer; They must make and keep current a memorandum (order ticket) of each order or any other instructions given or received for the purchase or sale of securities; they must maintain a record of all registered broker-dealers that are selected to effect securities transactions and the amount of commissions that are made or allocated to each registered broker-dealer during each calendar year; and they must maintain a copy of the written notice required under subpart B of this part.

- Section 12.4 requires a national bank to give or send to the customer a written notification of the transaction or a copy of the registered broker/dealer confirmation relating to the transaction.

- Section 151.70 describes the type of notice a savings association must provide when they effect a securities transaction for a customer.

- Sections 12.5(a), (b), (c), and (e) describe procedures a national bank may use as an alternative to complying with § 12.4, to notify customers of transactions in which the bank does not

exercise investment discretion, trust transactions, agency transactions and certain periodic plan transactions.

- Section 151.90 requires savings associations to provide the customer a written notice, which must give or send the written notice at or before the completion of the securities transactions.

- Sections 12.7(a)(1) through (a)(3) and 151.140 require a national bank/savings association to maintain and adhere to policies and procedures that assign responsibility for supervision of employees who perform securities trading functions; provide for the fair and equitable allocation of securities and prices to accounts; and provide for crossing of buy and sell orders on a fair and equitable basis.

- Section 12.7(a)(4) requires certain bank officers and employees involved in the securities trading process to report to the bank all personal transactions in securities made by them or on their behalf in which they have a beneficial interest.

- 15.150 this section describes how an officer or employee of a savings association should report all personal transactions in securities made by or on behalf of the officer or employee if they have a beneficial interest in the security.

- Section 12.8 requires a national bank seeking a waiver of one or more of the requirements of §§ 12.2 through 12.7 to file a written request for waiver with the OCC.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals; Businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,326.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 2,833.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 6,944 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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 has 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 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Designation of Three Individuals Pursuant to Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, "Blocking Property of Senior Officials of the Government of Syria"

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of 3 individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, "Blocking Property of Senior Officials of the Government of Syria."

**DATES:** The designation by the Director of OFAC of the 3 individuals identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive Order 13573, is effective on March 30, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (Treasury Annex), Washington, DC 20220, Tel.: 202-622-2490.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site ([www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac)) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, Tel.: 202-622-0077.

#### Background

On May 18, 2011, the President issued Executive Order 13573, "Blocking Property of Senior Officials of the Government of Syria," (the "Order") pursuant to, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-06). In the Order, the President took additional steps with

respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any United States person, of persons listed in the Annex to the Order and of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State: (1) To be a senior official of the Government of Syria; (2) to be an agency or instrumentality of the Government of Syria, or owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Government of Syria or by an official or officials of the Government of Syria; (3) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, any person whose property an interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order; or (4) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interest are blocked pursuant to this order.

On March 30, 2012, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Department of State, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsection 1(b) of the Order, 3 individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13573.

The listings for those individuals on OFAC's list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons appear as follows:

#### Individuals

1. ADANOV, Munir (a.k.a. ADANOF, Munir; a.k.a. ADNUF, Munir); DOB 1951; Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Syrian Army; Lieutenant General (individual) [SYRIA].
2. RAJIHA, Dawood (a.k.a. RAJHA, Daood; a.k.a. RAJHA, Davoud; a.k.a. RAJHA, Dawood; a.k.a. RAJIHA, Dawood Abdulkllah; a.k.a. RAJIHAH, Dawud); DOB 1947; POB Damascus, Syria; Minister of Defense; General (individual) [SYRIA].
3. SHALISH, Zuhayr (a.k.a. AL-HEMMEH, Thu; a.k.a. AL-SHALISH, Dhu Al-Himma; a.k.a. SHALEESH, Dhu Himma; a.k.a. SHALEESH, Thu Al Hima; a.k.a. SHALISH, Zuhilma; a.k.a. SHALISH, Dhu Al Himma; a.k.a. SHALISH, Dhuil Himma), Damascus, Syria; DOB circa 1956;