

*Number of Respondents:* 14.  
*Number of Responses:* 168.  
*Total Burden per Response:* 20 hours.  
*Total Annual Burden:* 3,360 hours.  
*Needs and Uses:*

### Consumer Information

Part 234 gives air travelers information concerning the on-time performance history of flights that they are considering booking and the rate of mishandled baggage for each reporting carrier. The reports are filed by the 14 largest scheduled-service U.S. passenger carriers.

On July 15, 2011 the Department published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to change the manner in which baggage data are reported (see 76 FR 41726). The proposed rule would require carriers to report, (1) the number of mishandled checked bags (as opposed to the current requirement to report the number of mishandled baggage reports filed by passengers), (2) the total number of checked bags (as opposed to the current requirement to report the total number of enplaned passengers), (3) the number of mishandled wheelchairs and scooters used by passengers with disabilities that were carried in the cargo compartment, and (4) the total number of wheelchairs and scooters used by passengers with disabilities that were carried in the cargo compartment. In the preamble to that notice the Department stated that the change in the matrix to mishandled bags per unit of checked bags would give consumers more reliable information on the air carriers' performance regarding the treatment of baggage within their control. Under the current system, there is no direct relationship between the number of mishandled bags and the number of checked bags. With the institution of baggage fees, the number of checked bags at some carriers has declined by 40 to 50 percent. There has been a corresponding 40 percent decline (i.e. improvement) in the industry mishandled baggage rates. A large part of the improvement in the mishandled baggage rate appears to be related to the decrease in checked baggage, although the current matrix hides this fact. The proposed matrix would have a direct correlation between mishandled baggage and checked baggage.

Separate breakout of mishandled wheelchairs/scooters would assist passengers with mobility disabilities in selecting air carriers with high probabilities in meeting their special needs. There is a gap in the Department's data regarding the mishandling of wheelchairs and scooters. The proposed data will

provide information to passenger with disabilities on which air carriers best meet their special needs. Thus, this pending rulemaking may impact this information collection.

### Reducing and Identifying Traffic Delays

The Federal Aviation Administration uses Part 234 data to pinpoint and analyze air traffic delays. Wheels-up and wheels-down times are used in conjunction with departure and arrival times to show the extent of ground delays. Actual elapsed flight time, wheels-down minus wheels-up time, is compared to scheduled elapsed flight time to identify airborne delays. The reporting of aircraft tail number allows the FAA to track an aircraft through the air network, which enables the FAA to study the ripple effects of delays at hub airports. The data can be analyzed for airport design changes, new equipment purchases, the planning of new runways or airports based on current and projected airport delays, and traffic levels. The identification of the reason for delays allows the FAA, airport operators, and air carriers to pinpoint delays under their control.

### Administrative Issues

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501) requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Mint

#### Update to the January 6, 2012, Federal Register Notice on Prices for 2012 Products Featuring \$1 Coins

**AGENCY:** United States Mint, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On January 6, 2012, the United States Mint announced 2012 prices for nine products featuring \$1 coins, including a \$1 Coin Five-Coin Set, priced at \$12.95. This notice is to announce that a Presidential \$1 Four-Coin Set, priced at \$9.95, will be offered instead of the \$1 Coin Five-Coin Set. All of the other \$1 coin products and their prices announced on January 6, 2012, will remain as United States Mint offerings. The complete \$1 coin product list with prices is as follows:

Product	Retail price
Presidential \$1 Four-Coin Set .....	\$9.95
Presidential \$1 Coin & First Spouse Medal Set™ .....	9.95
Presidential \$1 Coin Uncirculated Set™ (P&D) .....	16.95
Presidential \$1 Coin Proof Set™ .....	18.95
American Presidency \$1 Coin Cover Series .....	19.95
Native American and Presidential \$1 Coin Rolls .....	32.95
\$1 Coin 100-Coin Bags .....	111.95
\$1 Coin 250-Coin Box .....	275.95
\$1 Coin 500-Coin Box .....	550.95

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** B. B. Craig, Associate Director for Sales and Marketing, United States Mint, 801 9th Street NW., Washington, DC 20220; or call 202-354-7500.

**Authority:** 31 U.S.C. 5111, 5112, and 9701.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force Report

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established the Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force (GWVI-TF) in August 2009 to conduct a comprehensive review of VA policies and programs addressing 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans' illnesses. The GWVI-TF published its first annual report in September 2010.

The GWVI-TF posted a draft of its 2011 annual report for public comment on October 20, 2011. VA published the report in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 65321) and posted it on a social media Web site created specifically to elicit