

TSO-C121a approvals. The intent of revoking TSO-C121 and TSO-C121a and only authorizing TSO-C121b is to enable future ULD designs that have a minimum operating life of 90 days. The FAA expects attrition of TSO-C121 and TSO-C121a approved ULDs to occur as older ULDs are replaced by TSO-C121b approved ULDs.

L-3 Communications Aviation Recorders (L-3) commented that a ULD designed to meet the 90-day performance criteria in SAE AS8045A will have a lithium battery large enough that it will be considered hazardous material. L-3 stated that it will need to follow DOT Hazardous Material Class 9 regulations to ship recorders outfitted with the 90-day beacon. L-3 noted this places considerable constraints on available carriers and the destinations to which they will ship. L-3 stated this would negatively impact their customers.

The FAA acknowledges that shipping regulations for hazardous material with regard to lithium batteries will need to be complied with.

L-3 Communications indicated its concern with the FAA plan of attrition for the 30-day beacon and what repercussions this has for configuration control for thousands of recorder part numbers and the field reparability of their beacons. Since it may take up to 6 years to replace a beacon battery, L-3 estimated that there will be years of both 30-day and 90-day beacons in service once the new TSO-C121b is in effect and TSO-C121 and TSO-C121a authorizations are revoked. In the event of a crash, L-3 noted that there will be unnecessary time required to determine if a 90-day beacon was onboard to warrant an extended search effort.

The FAA disagrees with this comment. Regardless whether or a not a planned retrofit program was invoked, both pre and post TSO-C121b configuration, control documentation requirements and process remain the same. The FAA acknowledges that today's action will introduce a mixed ULD equipment across the fleet. However, manufacturers currently produce both a 30-day and 90-day ULD that is recorded in the configuration control documentation. The FAA believes that no additional burden is imposed, to identify if a 30-day or a 90-day ULD is installed on an aircraft for an operator during an over-water accident investigation.

#### Conclusion

Based on the comments received, the FAA will revise TSO-C121a to invoke the SAE Minimum Performance Standard AS8045A, dated August 2011.

Once TSO-C121b is published, the FAA will revoke TSO-C121 and TSO-C121a authorizations no later than March 1, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Application for Relief on Account of Loss, Theft, or Destruction of United States Savings and Retirement Securities and Supplemental Statement Concerning United States Securities.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 1, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [bruce.sharp@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:bruce.sharp@bpd.treas.gov). The opportunity to make comments online is also available at [www.pracomment.gov](http://www.pracomment.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies should be directed to Bruce A. Sharp, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-8150.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles:* Claim For Lost, Stolen or Destroyed United States Savings and Retirement Securities and Supplemental Statement Concerning United States Securities.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0013.

*Form Number:* PD F 1048 and PD F 2243.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to issue owners substitute

securities or payment in lieu of lost, stolen or destroyed securities.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 72,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 24,000.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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 shall have 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 of information 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.

Dated: February 28, 2012.

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