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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health
Administration

[Docket No. ICR 1218-0223(2005)]

Slings; Extension of the Office of
Management and Budget's (OMB)
Approval of Information Collection
(Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health
Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public
comment concerning its request for an
extension of the information collection
requirements contained in its Standard
on Slings (29 CFR 1910.184).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by
the following dates:

Hard copy: Your comments must be
submitted (postmarked or received) by
July 25, 2005.

*Facsimile and electronic
transmission:* Your comments must be
received by July 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-
1218-0223(2005), by any of the
following methods:

*Regular mail, express delivery, hand
delivery, and messenger service:* Submit
your comments and attachments to the
OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625,
U.S. Department of Labor, 200
Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,
DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350
(OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-
5627). OSHA Docket Office and
Department of Labor hours are 8:15 a.m.
to 4:45 p.m., ET.

Facsimile: If your comments are 10
pages or fewer in length, including
attachments, you may fax them to the
OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Electronic: You may submit
comments through the Internet at
<http://ecomments.osha.gov>. Follow
instructions on the OSHA Web page for
submitting comments.

Docket: For access to the docket to
read or download comments or
background materials, such as the
complete Information Collection

Request (ICR) (containing the
Supporting Statement, OMB-83-I Form,
and attachments), go to OSHA's Web
page at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. In
addition, the ICR, comments and
submissions are available for inspection
and copying at the OSHA Docket Office
at the address above. You also may
contact Theda Kenney at the address
below to obtain a copy of the ICR. For
additional information on submitting
comments, please see the "Public
Participation" heading in the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of
this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theda Kenney or Todd Owen,
Directorate of Standards and Guidance,
OSHA, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210,
telephone: (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of its
continuing effort to reduce paperwork
and respondent (*i.e.*, employer) burden,
conducts a preclearance consultation
program to provide the public with an
opportunity to comment on proposed
and continuing information collection
requirements in accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
(PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

This program ensures that
information is in the desired format,
reporting burden (time and costs) is
minimal, collection instruments are
clearly understood, and OSHA's
estimate of the information collection
burden is accurate. The Occupational
Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act)
(29 U.S.C. 652 *et seq.*) authorizes
information collection by employers as
necessary or appropriate for
enforcement of the Act or for developing
information regarding the causes and
prevention of occupational injuries,
illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The Slings Standard (29 CFR
1910.184) specifies several collection of
information (paperwork) requirements,
depending on the type of sling. The
purpose of each of these requirements is
to prevent employees from using
defective or deteriorated slings, thereby
reducing their risk of death or serious
injury caused by sling failure during
material handling.

Paragraph (e) of the Standard covers
alloy steel chain slings. Paragraph (e)(1)
requires that alloy steel chain slings
have permanently affixed and durable
identification stating the size, grade,
rated capacity, and reach of the sling.
The information, supplied by the
manufacturer, is typically marked on a
metal tag and affixed to the sling.

Paragraph (e)(3)(i) requires the
employer to make a thorough periodic
inspection of alloy steel chain slings in
use on a regular basis, but at least once
a year. Paragraph (e)(3)(ii) requires the
employer to make and maintain a record
of the most recent month in which each
alloy steel chain sling was thoroughly
inspected, and make this record
available for examination.

Paragraph (e)(4) requires the employer
to retain certificates of proof testing.
Employers must ensure that before use,
each new, repaired, or reconditioned
alloy steel chain sling, including all
welded components in the sling
assembly, has been proof tested by the
sling manufacturer or an equivalent
entity. The certificates of proof testing
must be retained by the employer and
made available for examination.

Paragraph (f) of the Standard covers
wire rope slings. Paragraph (f)(4)(ii)
requires that all welded end
attachments of wire rope slings be proof
tested by the manufacturer at twice their
rated capacity prior to initial use, and
that the employer retain a certificate of
the proof test and make it available for
examination.

Paragraph (g) of the Standard covers
metal mesh slings. Paragraph (g)(1)
requires each metal mesh sling to have
a durable marking permanently affixed
that states the rated capacity for vertical
basket hitch and choker hitch loadings.
Paragraph (g)(8)(ii) requires that once
repaired, each metal mesh sling be
permanently marked or tagged, or a
written record maintained to indicate
the date and type of the repairs made,
and the person or organization that
performed the repairs. Records of the
repairs shall be made available for
examination.

Paragraph (i) of the Standard covers
synthetic web slings. Paragraph (i)(1)
requires that synthetic web slings be
marked or coded to show the rated
capacities for each type of hitch, and

type of synthetic web material used in the sling.

Paragraph (i)(8)(i) prohibits the use of repaired synthetic web slings until they have been proof tested by the manufacturer or equivalent entity. Paragraph (i)(8)(ii) requires the employer to retain a certificate of the proof test and make it available for examination.

The information on the identification tags, markings, and codings assist the employer in determining whether the sling can be used for the lifting task. The sling inspections enable early detection of faulty slings. The inspection and repair records provide employers with information about when the last inspection was made and about the type of the repairs made. This information provides some assurance about the condition of the slings. These records also provide the most efficient means for an OSHA compliance officer to determine that an employer is complying with the Standard. Proof-testing certificates give employers, employees, and OSHA compliance officers assurance that slings are safe to use. The certificates also provide the compliance officers with an efficient means to assess employer compliance with the Standard.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employees who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the collection of information (paperwork) requirements necessitated by the Standard on Slings (29 CFR 1910.184). In its extension request, OSHA also is proposing to reduce the total burden hours for these requirements from 21,517 hours to 19,167 hours. The Agency will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of the collection of information requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

Title: Slings (29 CFR 1910.184).

OMB Number: 1218-0223.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; Not-for-profit organizations; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal government.

Number of respondents: 65,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion annually;

Average Time per Response: Varies from 1 minute (.02 hour) to maintain a certificate to 30 minutes (.50 hour) for a manufacturing worker to acquire information from a manufacturer for a new tag, make a new tag, and affix it to a sling.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 19,167.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments and supporting materials in response to this notice by (1) hard copy, (2) fax transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA Web page. Because of security-related problems, a significant delay may occur in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of submissions by express delivery, hand delivery, and courier service.

All comments, submissions and background documents are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. Comments and submissions posted on OSHA's Web page are available at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the OSHA Web page and for assistance using the Web page to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice as well as other relevant documents are available on OSHA's Web page. Since all submissions become public, private information such as social security numbers should not be submitted.

V. Authority and Signature

Jonathan L. Snare, Acting Assistance Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506

et seq.), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 20, 2005.

Jonathan L. Snare,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sales of Nondeposit Investments

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Proposed Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement No. 05-1; with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The NCUA is proposing to adopt an Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement (IRPS) on Sales of Nondeposit Investments. The proposed IRPS provides requirements, direction, and guidance to federally-insured credit unions on the establishment and operation of third party brokerage arrangements. The proposed IRPS updates and replaces NCUA's Letter to Credit Unions No. 150 on the sales of nondeposit investments.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (please send comments by one method only):

- NCUA Web site: http://www.ncua.gov/news/proposed_regs/proposed_regs.html. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: Address to regcomments@ncua.gov. Include "[Your name] Comments on Proposed IRPS (Sales of Nondeposit Investments)" in the e-mail subject line.
- Fax: (703) 518-6319. Use the subject line described above for e-mail.
- Mail: Address to Mary Rupp, Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Peterson, Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel, at the above address or telephone: (703) 518-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Introduction

The NCUA Board is proposing to replace its Letter to Credit Unions No. 150 that contains NCUA's current guidance on the sale of nondeposit investments. NCUA issued Letter No.