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## **NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

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

**AGENCY:** National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

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

**SUMMARY:** The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), as part of a continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on extensions of previously approved collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the information collections to Dawn Wolfgang, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Fax No. 703-519-8579; or E-mail at [PRAComments@NCUA.gov](mailto:PRAComments@NCUA.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

OMB Number: 3133-0094.

Title: Suspicious Activity Report by Depository Institutions.

Abstract: The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Department of the Treasury, was granted broad authority to require suspicious transaction reporting under the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) (31 U.S.C. 5318(g)). FinCEN joined with the bank regulators in adopting and requiring reports of suspicious transactions on a consolidated suspicious activity report (SARs) form. This simplified the process through which banks inform their regulators and law enforcement about suspected criminal activity. In 2011, FinCEN transitioned from industry specific paper forms to one electronically filed dynamic and interactive BAS-SAR for use by all filing institutions.

Information about suspicious transactions conducted or attempted by, at, through, or otherwise involving credit unions are collected through FinCEN's BSA E-filing system by credit unions. A SAR is to be filed no later than 30 calendar days from the date of the initial detection of facts that may constitute a basis for filing a SAR. If no suspect can be identified, the period for filing a SAR is extended to 60 days. FinCEN and law enforcement agencies use the

information on BSA-SARs and the supporting documentation retained by the banks for criminal investigation and prosecution purposes.

Adjustments in burden are due to an increase in total filings of suspicious activity by federally insured credit unions. The decrease in burden is due to adjustments made to the reporting and recordkeeping burden to align with FinCEN requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated No. of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 5,887.

Estimated No. of Responses per Respondent: 14.24.

Estimated Annual Responses: 83,859.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 83,859.

OMB Number: 3133-0167.

Title: Foreign Branching; 12 CFR 741.11.

Abstract: Pursuant to Part 741, Section 741.11 of the NCUA Rules and Regulations, an insured credit union that wishes to establish a branch office outside the United States (other than branches located on United States military installations or embassies) must apply for and receive approval from the NCUA regional director before establishing that branch. The application must include (1) a business plan, (2) written approval by the state supervisory agency if the applicant

is a state-chartered credit union, and (3) documentation evidencing written permission from the host country to establish the branch that explicitly recognizes NCUA's authority to examine and take any enforcement actions, including conservatorship and liquidation actions.

It is NCUA's understanding that no Federally Insured Credit Unions have sought to open any branches covered by this requirement over the last three years. However, we are seeking to maintain the OMB control number in the event that a credit union wishes to exercise this option.

This information is necessary to evaluate the safety and soundness of the decision to open the branch and to protect the interests of the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Estimated No. Respondents: Federally-insured credit unions.

Estimated No. of Respondents: One.

Frequency of Response: Once per foreign branch.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 32

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 32.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit comments concerning: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper execution of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

By John Brolin, Acting Secretary of the Board, the National Credit Union Administration, on September 19, 2016.

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