



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOC-2025-0076]

Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of modified systems of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Commerce is modifying 16 systems of records, listed below, to add a new routine use that allows information in each system to be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury for purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments through Treasury's Do Not Pay Working System. This modification makes no other changes to those systems. This notice describes the new routine use and identifies the affected systems.

DATES: Comments on this routine use must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this routine use will go into effect without further notice on [INSERT DATE 35 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified as pertaining to "EO 14249, Protecting America's Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Commerce Routine Use," via the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this *Federal Register* document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change. Therefore, do not include any personal identifiers, contact information, or other non-public information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian Anderson, Privacy Act Officer,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 25, 2025, the President signed Executive Order (EO) 14249, *Protecting America's Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse*, which requires Executive Branch agencies to “review and modify, as applicable, their relevant system of records notices under the Privacy Act of 1974 to include a ‘routine use’ that allows for the disclosure of records to the Department of the Treasury for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping fraud and improper payments, to the extent permissible by law.” On August 20, 2025, OMB issued Memorandum M-25-32, *Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay*, which provides guidance to agencies for implementing the new routine use requirement under EO 14249. The memorandum requires agencies to identify systems of records that maintain information “whose disclosure to Treasury would be relevant and necessary for identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments by reviewing payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System” and add a new routine use to each identified system to allow such disclosure. *See* OMB M-25-32, Appendix 1. Accordingly, this notice hereby modifies 16 systems of records, listed below, to add the new routine use prescribed by OMB to each of those systems, as set forth below. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), the Department has provided a report of these modified systems of records to Congress and to OMB.

The following systems of records are modified by this notice:

SYSTEM NUMBER* AND NAME	FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION(S)
The preface “COMMERCE/” followed by:	
DEPT-1, Attendance, Leave, and Payroll Records of Employees and Certain Other Persons	79 FR 36459 June 27, 2014 79 FR 47436 Aug. 13, 2014
DEPT-2, Accounts Receivable	68 FR 35849 June 17, 2003 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-9, Travel Records (Domestic and Foreign) of Employees and Certain Other Persons	46 FR 63498 Dec. 31, 1981 50 FR 9099 March 6, 1985

	72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-14, Litigation, Claims, and Administrative Proceeding Records	46 FR 63498 Dec. 31, 1981 65 FR 21168 May 22, 2000 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-15, Private Legislation Claimants-Central Legislative Files	46 FR 63498 Dec. 31, 1981 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-17, Records of Cash Receipts	46 FR 63498 Dec. 31, 1981 50 FR 9099 March 6, 1985 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-18, Employees Personnel Files not Covered by Notices of Other Agencies	68 FR 35852 June 17, 2003 72 FR 38361 July 6, 2006 71 FR 71506 Dec. 11, 2006 72 FR 6200 Feb. 9, 2007 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-22, Small Purchase Records	58 FR 37460 July 12, 1993 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
DEPT-32, Helping American Victims Affected by Neurological Attacks Act of 2021 (HAVANA Act) Records	88 FR 24972 April 25, 2023
NIST-8, Child Care Subsidy Program Records	80 FR 40995 July 14, 2015 80 FR 51533 Aug. 25, 2015
NOAA-3, NOAA Corps Officer Official Personnel Folders	81 FR 27083 May 5, 2016
NOAA-5, Fisheries Law Enforcement Case Files	46 FR 63498 Dec. 31, 1981 51 FR 44822 Dec. 12, 1986 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
NOAA-13, Personnel, Payroll, Travel, and Attendance Records of the Regional Fishery Management Councils	46 FR 63498 Dec. 31, 1981 72 FR 45009 Aug. 10, 2007
NOAA-14, Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program; Office of Education, Education Partnership Program (EPP), Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and National Marine Fisheries Service Recruitment, Training, and Research Program	80 FR 55829 Sep. 17, 2015 80 FR 65983 Oct. 28, 2015
NOAA-21, Financial Services Division	81 FR 44593 July 8, 2016
USPTO-10, Fee Management Products	89 FR 32400 April 26, 2024
* Note: The Department uses the following format for system numbers: COMMERCE/["DEPT" or component acronym]-[#]. The abbreviation "DEPT" is for Department-wide systems. For the component-level systems listed above, the acronyms are: "NIST" for National Institute of Standards and Technology; "NOAA" for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and "USPTO" for U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Further information about these systems is available at: https://www.commerce.gov/opog/privacy/SORN.	

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Please refer to the Federal Register citations in the table above.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Please refer to the Federal Register citations in the table above.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Please refer to the Federal Register citations in the table above.

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**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING
CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Each system of records listed in the table above is modified to add the new routine use set forth below. All other routine uses in each of those systems are unchanged and remain in effect. The new routine use is as follows:

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To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

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HISTORY:

Please refer to the Federal Register citations in the table above.

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