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Interim Final Rule - Social Security Number (SSN)

This is an informational broadcast regarding the Interim Final Rule issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. This rule revises the FTR to eliminate the collection of Social Security Numbers (SSN) for identification purposes of the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a to ensure that the U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI's) or U.S. authorized agent's personal information, such as its SSN, is protected.

All USPPIs who currently report an SSN when filing in the AES must provide an Employer Identification Number (EIN). All U.S. authorized agents who correctly report a SSN when filing in the AES must provide an EIN or Dun and Bradstreet number (DUNS) for identification purposes. An EIN is available to both businesses and individuals and can be obtained by registering with the Internal Revenue Service at <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=102767,00.html> or by calling (800)829-4933 and following the instructions. A DUNS number is available only to business entities and can be obtained by registering with Dun and Bradstreet at www.dnb.com/us.

This rule will become effective September 4, 2009. There will be a 60-day comment period, with an implementation date of December 3, 2009. The rule can be found in its entirety at <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/regulations/fedregnotices/index.html> or www.gpoaccess.gov/fr.

Comments on the interim rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before October 5, 2009. ADDRESS: You may submit your comments to: William G. Bostic, Jr., Foreign Trade Division, United States Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 6K032, Washington, DC 20233-6700; by phone at (301) 763-2255; by fax at (301) 763-6638; or by e-mail: william.g.bostic.jr@census.gov.

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