

wheelchairs and scooters information for flights they operate  $\times$  10 hours per response  $\times$  12 months = 2,040 hours) + (4 air carriers reporting the mishandled baggage and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters information for flights operated by their branded codeshare partners  $\times$  16 hours per response  $\times$  12 months = 768 hours) + (.00138 hours for manual data entry related to wheelchair or scooters  $\times$  12,000 manual entries = 17 hours). This estimate is based on the following information: 17 carriers reported mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT in calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Currently, 4 carriers report mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT for their codeshare operations.

DOT estimates that respondents will encounter on average 10-hours burden per month to report the mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter data to DOT for the flights they operate. DOT estimates that respondents that market codeshare flights will encounter on average an additional burden of 16 hours per month to report the mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter data to DOT for their branded codeshare operations. The burden estimates include staff time to manage and process the data and to submit the report through DOT's electronic submission system.

In addition, the estimated total annual burden is based on the assumption that most respondents employ automated processes to record that an item entered is a wheelchair or scooter, for the purposes of reporting data on wheelchairs and scooters to DOT. For a carrier that manually records this information, such as by having their agent type information describing a wheelchair or scooter into the airline's system, DOT estimates that the airline would spend approximately 5 seconds (.00138 hours) per item to manually enter the data.<sup>3</sup> DOT estimates that 12,000 wheelchairs and scooters total are recorded manually per year.

#### Administrative Issues

The *Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002* (44 U.S.C. 3501) requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under

<sup>3</sup> The Final Rule to Amend Rules Requiring Reporting of Mishandled Baggage, Regulatory Impact Analysis, October 18, 2016, estimated a data entry burden of 5 seconds per wheelchair or scooter recorded manually. See Docket No. RITA–2011–0001–0287.

this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

#### Public Comments Invited

You are invited to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOT, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 information on respondents.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record on the docket.

Issued this 17th day of November 2021 at Washington, DC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Fiscal Service

#### Notice of Rate To Be Used for Federal Debt Collection, and Discount and Rebate Evaluation

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate to be used for Federal debt collection, and discount and rebate evaluation.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Treasury is responsible for computing and publishing the percentage rate that is used in assessing interest charges for outstanding debts owed to the Government (The Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended). This rate is also used by agencies as a comparison point in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a cash discount. In addition, this rate is used in determining when agencies should pay purchase card invoices when the card issuer offers a rebate. Notice is hereby given that the

applicable rate for calendar year 2022 is 1.00 percent.

**DATES:** January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Payment Management, E-Commerce Division (LC–RM 349B), 3201 Pennsy Drive, Building E, Landover, MD 20785 (Telephone: 202–874–9428).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The rate reflects the current value of funds to the Treasury for use in connection with Federal Cash Management systems and is based on investment rates set for purposes of Public Law 95–147, 91 Stat. 1227 (October 28, 1977). Computed each year by averaging Treasury Tax and Loan (TT&L) investment rates for the 12-month period ending every September 30, rounded to the nearest whole percentage, for applicability effective each January 1. Quarterly revisions are made if the annual average, on a moving basis, changes by 2 percentage points. The rate for calendar year 2022 reflects the average investment rates for the 12-month period that ended September 30, 2021.

*Authority:* 31 U.S.C. 3717.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Fiscal Service

#### Application and Renewal Fees Imposed on Surety Companies and Reinsuring Companies; Increase in Fees Imposed

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of fees imposed on surety companies and reinsuring companies.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, is increasing the fees it imposes on and collects from surety companies and reinsuring companies, effective January 1, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melvin Saunders, at (304) 480–5108 or [melvin.saunders@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:melvin.saunders@fiscal.treasury.gov); or Bobbi McDonald, at (304) 480–7098 or [bobbi.mcdonald@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:bobbi.mcdonald@fiscal.treasury.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (IOAA), codified at 31 U.S.C. 9701, authorizes Federal agencies to establish fees for a service or thing of