SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Employer Based Claims Filing

AGENCY: Social Security Administration. **ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration's Reinventing Government Phase II initiatives include a proposal to establish a controlled employer-based claims-taking process. The goal of this proposal is to make it easy for retiring employees to file for Social Security retirement benefits through their employer. The purpose of this notice is to solicit from the business community expressions of interest in participating in the pilot phase of this claims-taking process. This expression of interest pertains to the pilot phase only. Upon completion of the pilot, participants will be given the opportunity to decide on future participation. Expressions of interest should include a brief description of the employer's existing retirement process, including specifics such as the number of retirements processed each year, the degree of company assistance to retiring employees during the retirement process and how the gathering of Social Security retirement information could be incorporated into this existing process.

DATES: To be sure your expressions of interest are considered, we must receive them no later than January 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Expressions of interest or other comments should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 1585, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, sent by telefax to (410) 966-2830, sent by E-mail to "regulations@ssa.gov," or delivered to the Division of Regulations and Rulings, Social Security Administration, 3-B-1 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments may be inspected during these same hours by making arrangements with the contact person shown below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Steeley, Social Insurance Specialist, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, telephone (410) 965–8976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clinton administration's Reinventing Government Phase II initiatives, announced on April 12, 1995, include a proposal to provide workers with an alternate way to file their Social Security retirement applications. Currently, workers can apply for Social Security via the mail, telephone or by visiting one of our 1,300 field offices. Under this proposal, workers would have the additional option of filing for their Social Security retirement benefits through their company's personnel office.

The benefits of this proposal will be explored within a pilot phase. Participation in the pilot will involve a commitment to continue participation for the planned 6 to 12 month duration of the pilot. Upon completion of the pilot, involved businesses will be given an opportunity to express their interest in continuing with or removing themselves from further participation in this claims-taking process based on their assessment of the benefits of the process.

The pilot of this cooperative claimstaking process will be conducted through use of paper forms and applications. SSA plans to use an abbreviated application that would minimize the information gathering process for the employer. Information gathering for each retiring employee by the employer will include about 20 short-answer questions. If the basic information gathered by the employer reveals complexities that require further exploration, SSA will develop these issues during later evidence gathering phases of the application process.

This proposal focuses on service to SSA customers. SSA believes the opportunity for a worker to file for Social Security benefits at the same time that the worker completes his/her employer retirement paperwork provides a convenient "one stop" service for the worker. Additionally, because the intent is to work towards establishing at some time in the future an electronic transfer of such information to us, we envision that we will eventually be able to provide an employer and worker with the actual amount of the worker's retirement benefit without any significant delay after submission of the employee's application. This contemplated electronic transfer would facilitate final settlement of the pension amount payable to the worker in situations involving companies that have integrated pension plans in which a worker's pension amount relates to his/ her Social Security benefit.

SSA does not envision the employer as the conduit for reporting by the worker after completion of the initial Social Security application process by the worker. SSA will remain the focal point for such later reporting activities. Dated: November 21, 1995. Shirley S. Chater, *Commissioner of Social Security* [FR Doc. 95–29532 Filed 12–5–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4190–29–P

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs

[Public Notice 2296]

Imposition of Chemical and Biological Weapons Proliferation Sanctions On A Foreign Person

AGENCY: Department of State. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Government has determined that a Russian individual has engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act and the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the authorities of which were most recently continued by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994), as amended by the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 1995. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202–647–4930).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Sections 81(a) and 81 (b) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(a), 2798(b)), Sections 11C(a) and 11C(b) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(a), 2410 (b)), Section 305 of the Chemical and **Biological Weapons Control and** Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-182), Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993, and State Department Delegation of Authority No. 145 of February 4, 1980, as amended, the United States Government determined that Anatoliy Kuntsevich, a Russian Citizen, has engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Section 81(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(c)) and Section 11C(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(c)).

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed:

(A) Procurement Sanction. — The United States Government shall not procure, or enter into any contract for