- (ii) an unanticipated event has occurred;
- (iii) the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information or is reasonably likely to cause a statutory or court ordered deadline to be missed.
- (2) The Director shall approve or disapprove any such authorization request within the time requested by the agency head and, if approved, shall assign the collection of information a control number. Any collection of information conducted under this subsection may be conducted without compliance with the provisions of this subchapter for a maximum of 180 days after the date on which the Director received the request to authorize such collection.

(Added Pub. L. 104–13, §2, May 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 176; amended Pub. L. 104–106, div. E, title LVI, §5605(d), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 700; Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1064(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–275.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3507, added Pub. L. 96–511,  $\S 2(a)$ , Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2819; amended Pub. L. 99–500,  $\S 101(m)$  [title VIII,  $\S 817$ ], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783–308, 1783–338, and Pub. L. 99–591,  $\S 101(m)$  [title VIII,  $\S 817$ ], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341–308, 3341–338, related to submission to Director of public information collection request for an approval or delegation to a senior official of an agency prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104–13.

Another prior section 3507, Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1304, provided for cooperation of agencies in making information available, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96-511. See section 3510(a) of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsecs. (e)(3)(B), (h), (j). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted "subchapter" for "chapter" wherever appearing.

1996—Subsec. (j)(2). Pub. L. 104-106 substituted "180 days" for "90 days".

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106–398 effective 30 days after Oct. 30, 2000, see section 1 [[div. A], title X,  $\S$ 1065] of Pub. L. 106–398, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, formerly set out as an Effective Date note under former section 3531 of this title.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104–106 effective 180 days after Feb. 10, 1996, see section 5701 of Pub. L. 104–106, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 702.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1995, except as otherwise provided, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 104-13, set out as a note under section 3501 of this title.

# § 3508. Determination of necessity for information; hearing

Before approving a proposed collection of information, the Director shall determine whether the collection of information by the agency is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility. Before making a determination the Director may give the agency and other interested persons an opportunity to be heard or to submit statements in writing. To the extent, if any, that the Director determines that the collection of information by an agency is unnecessary for any reason, the agency may not engage in the collection of information.

(Added Pub. L. 104–13, §2, May 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 179.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3508, added Pub. L. 96-511, §2(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2821, related to determination of whether collection of information is necessary for proper performance of functions of agency prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-13.

Another prior section 3508, Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1304, related to unlawful disclosure of information, penalties, and release of information to other agencies, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96-511. See section 3510(b) of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1995, except as otherwise provided, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 104-13, set out as a note under section 3501 of this title.

#### § 3509. Designation of central collection agency

The Director may designate a central collection agency to obtain information for two or more agencies if the Director determines that the needs of such agencies for information will be adequately served by a single collection agency, and such sharing of data is not inconsistent with applicable law. In such cases the Director shall prescribe (with reference to the collection of information) the duties and functions of the collection agency so designated and of the agencies for which it is to act as agent (including reimbursement for costs). While the designation is in effect, an agency covered by the designation may not obtain for itself information for the agency which is the duty of the collection agency to obtain. The Director may modify the designation from time to time as circumstances require. The authority to designate under this section is subject to the provisions of section 3507(f) of this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 104–13, §2, May 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 180; amended Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1064(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–275.)

### **Editorial Notes**

# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3509, added Pub. L. 96-511, §2(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2821, related to designation of central collection agency prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-13.

Another prior section 3509, Pub. L. 90–620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1304, related to plans or forms for collecting information, submission to Director, and his approval, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96–511.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106–398 substituted "subchapter" for "chapter".

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-398 effective 30 days after Oct. 30, 2000, see section 1 [[div. A], title X, §1065] of Pub. L. 106-398, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, formerly set out as an Effective Date note under former section 3531 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1995, except as otherwise provided, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 104–13, set out as a note under section 3501 of this title.

# § 3510. Cooperation of agencies in making information available

- (a) The Director may direct an agency to make available to another agency, or an agency may make available to another agency, information obtained by a collection of information if the disclosure is not inconsistent with applicable law.
- (b)(1) If information obtained by an agency is released by that agency to another agency, all the provisions of law (including penalties) that relate to the unlawful disclosure of information apply to the officers and employees of the agency to which information is released to the same extent and in the same manner as the provisions apply to the officers and employees of the agency which originally obtained the information.
- (2) The officers and employees of the agency to which the information is released, in addition, shall be subject to the same provisions of law, including penalties, relating to the unlawful disclosure of information as if the information had been collected directly by that agency.

(Added Pub. L. 104–13, §2, May 22, 1995, 109 Stat. 180.)

# Editorial Notes

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3510, added Pub. L. 96-511, §2(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2822, related to cooperation of agencies in making information available prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-13.

Another prior section 3510, Pub. L. 90–620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305, authorized promulgation of rules and regulations, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96–511. See section 3516 of this title.

# Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1995, except as otherwise provided, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 104-13, set out as a note under section 3501 of this title.

# § 3511. Data inventory and Federal data catalogue

- (a) COMPREHENSIVE DATA INVENTORY.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—In consultation with the Director and in accordance with the guidance established under paragraph (2), the head of each agency shall, to the maximum extent practicable, develop and maintain a comprehensive data inventory that accounts for all data as-

- sets created by, collected by, under the control or direction of, or maintained by the agency. The head of each agency shall ensure that such inventory provides a clear and comprehensive understanding of the data assets in the possession of the agency.
- (2) GUIDANCE.—The Director shall establish guidance for agencies to develop and maintain comprehensive data inventories under paragraph (1). Such guidance shall include the following:
  - (A) A requirement for the head of an agency to include in the comprehensive data inventory metadata on each data asset of the agency, including, to the maximum extent practicable, the following:
    - (i) A description of the data asset, including all variable names and definitions.
    - (ii) The name or title of the data asset. (iii) An indication of whether or not the agency—
      - (I) has determined or can determine if the data asset is—
        - (aa) an open Government data asset;
        - (bb) subject to disclosure or partial disclosure or exempt from disclosure under section 552 of title 5;
        - (cc) a public data asset eligible for disclosure under subsection (b); or
        - (dd) a data asset not subject to open format or open license requirements due to existing limitations or restrictions on government distribution of the asset; or
      - (II) as of the date of such indication, has not made such determination.
  - (iv) Any determination made under section 3582, if available.
  - (v) A description of the method by which the public may access or request access to the data asset.
  - (vi) The date on which the data asset was most recently updated.
  - (vii) Each agency responsible for maintaining the data asset.
    - (viii) The owner of the data asset.
  - (ix) To the extent practicable, any restriction on the use of the data asset.
    - (x) The location of the data asset.
  - (xi) Any other metadata necessary to make the comprehensive data inventory useful to the agency and the public, or otherwise determined useful by the Director.
  - (B) A requirement for the head of an agency to exclude from the comprehensive data inventory any data asset contained on a national security system, as defined in section 11103 of title 40.
  - (C) Criteria for the head of an agency to use in determining which metadata required by subparagraph (A), if any, in the comprehensive data inventory may not be made publicly available, which shall include, at a minimum, a requirement to ensure all information that could not otherwise be withheld from disclosure under section 552 of title 5 is made public in the comprehensive data inventory.
  - (D) A requirement for the head of each agency, in accordance with a procedure es-