

procedures to use in making an emergency or distress call via VHF-FM Channel 16. This decal will be distributed via the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, and State boating offices, as well as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Bureau of Land Management. This item also supports the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons and States. The VSC program is a free service provided by these organizations offering a safety check of recreational boats 65' or less in length. (\$25,810)

*Aids to Navigation Booklet:* A full-color booklet, "U.S. Aids to Navigation System," was produced to assist recreational boaters in better understanding the use and identification of navigational aids. This booklet is now used as an educational adjunct to the safe boating classes taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, and many of the States. It is also distributed in conjunction with the Vessel Safety Check program. (\$135,327)

*"Operation BoatSmart" Support:* Funding support was provided to this initiative which coordinated Coast Guard and other boating safety organizations aims to energize recreational boating safety programs by strengthening and extending partnerships at the national, State and local levels. Through combined and coordinated efforts, the BoatSmart partners targeted those activities and behaviors that presented the greatest risk for the recreational boater. "Operation BoatSmart" brought together these organizations to work in tandem to promote a positive change in boater awareness and behavior, with special emphasis on inland waters where most recreational boating takes place. Special emphasis was focused on encouraging life jacket wear, boater education, and scrupulous enforcement of boating under the influence laws by appropriate authorities. (\$273,586)

*Recreational Boating Safety Program Marketing Support:* A national marketing, awareness and education campaign in support of "Operation BoatSmart," as well as America's Boating Course, Boating Under the Influence Campaign, and the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program, has been funded. America's Boating Course is a joint boating safety education course developed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons, supported by the Coast Guard. This course, available via CD-Rom or Internet will set the standard for recreational boating safety in our

country. The Boating Under the Influence (BUI) campaign, "It's a Different World on the Water," is a multi-year effort to educate the recreational boater about the hazards of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The marketing plan utilizes nationally recognized cartoon characters, Popeye and Olive Oyl, to advertise the VSC program to the boating public at marinas, yacht clubs, boat storage facilities, retail outlets and other recreational outlets. (\$98,956)

*Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Outreach Program:* This program provides full marketing, media, public information, and program strategy support to the RBS effort. The goal is to coordinate the RBS outreach campaigns some of which include: National Boating Under the Influence Campaign (BUI), Operation BoatSmart, PFD Wear, Vessel Safety Check Program (VSC), America's Boating Course, and other recreational boating safety issues on an as needed basis. (\$2,189,254)

*Kayak/Canoe Sponson Study:* Study completed on the efficacy of the use of sponsons on canoes and kayaks. (\$26,171)

#### Field Support—District Funded Projects

*Seventeenth Coast Guard District Boating Safety Detachment:* Funding was provided on a one-time, non-recurring basis to the Seventeenth Coast Guard District in support of a Coast Guard Boating Safety Detachment to assist in the transition of the State of Alaska's assumption of Recreational Boating Safety Program responsibilities. (\$25,000)

*Seventeenth Coast Guard District Boating Education and Safety (BEST) Teams:* A 3-year effort, the BEST teams operated in the 17th District in 16 separate locations, with more than 30 team members providing educational benefits to the boaters of that district. (\$150,000)

*Eighth Coast Guard District Western Rivers Strike Team:* Similar to the 17th District program these strike teams operated in the western rivers in the 8th District conducting safety education and providing waterway management assistance to various state RBS related activities within the Eighth Coast Guard District on an as needed basis. (\$190,000)

*National Boating Registration System:* As a service for States/Territories that currently have inadequate (or no) computer software program to maintain their vessel numbering system information, funding was provided to the U.S. Coast Guard Operations Systems Center (OSC) to develop a National Boating Registration System

software program that can easily be adapted by any State/Territory for their own use. The software that has been provided to States/Territories at no cost includes a function to automatically generate the annual report on numbered vessels that must be submitted to the Coast Guard each year. (\$25,000)

*Marine Dealer Literature Display Racks:* Display racks for U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary literature were purchased to improve distribution of boating safety literature. These display racks are intended to be used at retail outlets and marine dealers. (\$23,725)

*Personnel Support:* Funding is providing for personnel to support the development of new regulations, to support new contracting activities associated with the additional funding, and to monitor and manage the contracts awarded. (\$905,791)

*Marine Accident Investigating and Reporting:* An initial contract was awarded to investigate and provide reports on marine accidents. The contractor also provides statistical analysis on causes. (\$95,000)

A total of \$20,844,160 of the \$25,000,000 made available to the Coast Guard through annual transfers of \$5 million in fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 has been committed, obligated or expended as of September 30, 2003.

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**Jeffrey J. Hathaway,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Decision 03-36]

#### Customs Accreditation of SEA, Ltd. as a Commercial Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation of SEA, Ltd., of Columbus, Ohio, as a commercial laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** SEA, Ltd. of Columbus, Ohio has applied to Customs and Border Protection under § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations for accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze paraffin wax in candles under chapter 34 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all

of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory. Specifically, SEA, Ltd. has been granted accreditation to perform the following test methods at their Columbus, Ohio site: (1)

Quantitation of Paraffin in Beeswax and Other Waxes by High Temperature Capillary Gas Chromatography, USCL (United States Customs Laboratory) test method 34-07; and (2) Quantitative Analysis of Paraffin in Beeswax by Column Chromatography, USCL (United States Customs Laboratory) test method 34-08. Therefore, in accordance with § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations, SEA, Ltd. of Columbus, Ohio is hereby accredited to analyze the products named above.

*Location:* SEA, Ltd.'s accredited site is located at: 7349 Worthington—Galena Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43085.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 16, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Faustermann, Science Officer, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 344-1060.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

**Ira S. Reese,**

*Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Decision 03-35]

#### Customs Accreditation of SGS North America, Inc. as a Commercial Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation of SGS North America, Inc. of Sulfur, Louisiana, as a commercial laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** SGS North America, Inc. of Sulfur, Louisiana has applied to Customs and Border Protection under § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations for accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum products under chapter 27 and chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory. Specifically, SGS North America, Inc. has been granted accreditation to perform the

following test methods at their Sulfur, Louisiana site: (1) Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation, ASTM D95; (2) API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Hydrometer, ASTM D287; (3) Sediment in Crude Oils by Extraction, ASTM D473; (4) Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer, ASTM D1298; (5) Water in Crude Oil by Distillation, ASTM D4006; (6) Water and Sediment in Crude Oil by the Centrifuge Method, ASTM D4007; and (7) Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy, ASTM D4294. Therefore, in accordance with § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations, SGS North America, Inc. of Sulfur, Louisiana is hereby accredited to analyze the products named above.

*Location:* SGS North America, Inc. accredited site is located at: 4701 East Napoleon (Hwy 90), Sulfur, LA 70663.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 16, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Faustermann, Science Officer, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 344-1060.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-51]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Mortgage Insurance Application for Multifamily Housing Projects

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number (2502-0029) and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or [Wayne\\_Eddins@hud.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael McCullough, Director, Office of Multifamily Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1142 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) intends to submit to OMB an information collection package with respect to requiring professional liability insurance for the Section 232 program. The requirements are found in the Notice "Professional Liability Insurance for Section 232 Programs."

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Mortgage Insurance Application for Multifamily Housing Projects.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-0029.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Requirements for Professional Liability Insurance for Section 232 Programs. This information collection is the