

requires that all containers be safety approved before they are used in trade. These rules prescribe only the minimum requirements of the CSC.

Respondents: Owners and manufacturers of containers, and organizations that the Coast Guard delegates to act as an approval authority.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 73,272 hours a year.

2. Title: Outer Continental Shelf Activities—Title 33 CFR Subchapter N

OMB Control Number: 1625-0044.

Summary: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended, authorizes the Coast Guard to promulgate and enforce regulations promoting the safety of life and property on OCS facilities. These regulations are in 33 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter N.

Need: The information is needed to ensure compliance with the safety regulations related to OCS activities. The regulations include reporting and recordkeeping requirements for annual inspections of fixed OCS facilities, employee citizenship records, station bills, emergency evacuation plans, and equivalency determinations.

Respondents: Operators of facilities and vessels engaged in activities on the OCS.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 5,867 hours a year.

3. Title: Adequacy Certification for Reception Facilities and Advance Notice—33 CFR Part 158.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0045.

Summary: This information collection is needed to evaluate the adequacy of reception facilities prior to issuance of a Certificate of Adequacy. Information for the advance notice ensures effective management of reception facilities and reduces the burden to facilities and ships.

Need: Section 1905 of 33 U.S.C. gives the Coast Guard the authority to certify the adequacy of reception facilities in ports. Reception facilities are needed to receive waste from ships which may not discharge at sea. Under these regulations, in 33 CFR part 151 and 158, there are discharge limitations for oil and oily waste, noxious liquid substances, plastics and other garbage.

Respondents: Owners and operators of reception facilities, and owners and operators of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 1,058 hours a year.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

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Assistant Commandant for C4 and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-18949]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget: 1625-0006 [Formerly 2115-0015], Shipping Articles

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to seek the approval of OMB for the renewal of an Information Collection Request (ICR), 1625-0006, Shipping Articles. Before submitting this ICR to OMB, the Coast Guard is inviting your comments.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket [USCG-2004-18949] more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Caution: Because of recent delays in the delivery of mail to Federal facilities, your comments may reach the Facility more quickly if you choose one of the other means described below.

(2) By delivery to Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington,

DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICR is available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, and also from Commandant (CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 6106 (Attn: Mr. Arthur Requina), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is (202) 267-2326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, (202) 267-2326, for questions on these documents; or Ms. Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366-0271, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments: We encourage you to participate in this request for comments by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, and they will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with DOT to use their Docket Management Facility. Please see the paragraph on DOT's "Privacy Act Policy" below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this request for comment [USCG-2004-18949], indicate the specific section of this document or the ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change the documents supporting this collection of information or even the underlying requirements in view of them.

Viewing comments and documents: To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room

PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Privacy Act Statement of DOT in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Information Collection Request:

Title: Shipping Articles.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0006.

Summary: Sections 10302 and 10502 of 46 U.S.C., and 46 CFR 14.201 mandates that the owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge shall make a shipping agreement in writing with each seaman before the seaman commences employment. Section 14.313 of 46 CFR mandates that shipping companies, after 3 years, deliver original shipping articles to Coast Guard custody for storage at the Federal Records Center in Suitland, MD. In addition, shipping companies must provide copies of shipping articles to the mariner and the Coast Guard upon request.

Need: The information collected provides verification, identification, location and employment record of U. S. merchant seaman to the following: (1) Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies for use in criminal or civil law enforcement purposes, (2) shipping companies, (3) labor unions, (4) seaman's authorized representatives, (5) seaman's next of kin, (6) whenever the disclosure of such information would be in the best interest of the seaman or his/her family.

Respondents: Individuals or companies.

Frequency: Once.

Burden: The estimated burden is 18,000 hours a year.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Automated Commercial Environment (ACE): Open Application Period for Participation in a National Customs Automation Program Test for Importers and Brokers

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection; Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice clarifies that importers and their designated brokers may still apply to establish accounts so as to participate in a National Customs Automation Program Test for the ACE Secure Data Portal ("ACE Portal"). This notice also invites customs brokers to participate in the ACE Portal test generally. Prior to this notice, brokers could only participate in the ACE Portal test if they were designated by participating importers to make Periodic Monthly Statement payments on their behalf.

DATES: The test application period remains open until further notice. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice and applications to establish ACE Importer and Broker Accounts should be submitted to Ms. Sherri Braxton via e-mail at acenow@dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding ACE Importer or Broker Accounts: Ms. Sherri Braxton via e-mail at acenow@dhs.gov or by telephone at (703) 440-3000. For questions concerning general CBP Account Management issues contact Mr. Lamar Witmer by telephone at (202) 344-1320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 1, 2002, CBP published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 21800) announcing a plan to conduct a National Customs Automation Program test of the first phase of the Automated Commercial Environment. In this notice, CBP stated that it planned to select approximately 40 importer accounts from the list of qualified applicants for the initial deployment of this test. The notice also stated that additional participants may be selected throughout the duration of this test. In order to be considered as to be one of the initial participants, importers' applications had to be received by CBP by June 1, 2002.

On June 18, 2002, CBP extended the application period for those desiring to be one of the initial importer participants by publishing a second general notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 41572). That notice emphasized that applications to be an initial participant had to be submitted to CBP prior to August 1, 2002. Applications would be accepted after that date, but parties who so applied would be placed on a waiting list and considered for participation pending expansion of the technology.

On February 4, 2004, CBP published a third General Notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 5362) announcing the next step toward the full electronic processing of commercial importations in ACE, with a focus on identifying authorized importers and brokers to participate in the test to implement the Periodic Monthly Statement Process. The notice stated that participants in this test would benefit by having access to operational data through the ACE Portal, enjoying the capability of being able to interact electronically with CBP, and making payments of duties and fees on a periodic monthly basis. In order for customs brokers to apply, they had to provide names of the initial 41 importers participating in the test by whom they had been or will have been designated as the authorized broker.

Importer Accounts

Through this notice, CBP seeks to expand the number of ACE importer accounts.

Broker Accounts

Through this notice, CBP also seeks to expand the number of ACE broker accounts. In order to become an ACE broker account, a customs broker will no longer need to be designated specifically as the broker by an ACE importer account participating in the Periodic Monthly Statement Test.

Receipt of Applications

CBP will give priority to the first 1100 applications it receives. Additionally, once interested parties have been notified that their request to participate in the ACE Portal test has been accepted, they will be asked to sign and submit a Terms and Conditions document. The application requirements are set forth below.

ACE Importer Account Application

Each importer application for participation in this test must include the following information:

1. Importer name;