(Secretary’s Standards) in a separate and distinct process. Review of these projects is more comprehensive than Section 106 review and necessitates early coordination with NPS and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) since work must adhere to the Secretary’s Standards to obtain the tax credit. Nonetheless, coordination with Section 106 consultation and these reviews frequently occurs.

In an effort to better focus Section 106 reviews for affordable housing, the ACHP encourages Federal and State agencies, SHPOs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), local governments, housing providers, and other consulting parties to use the following principles in Section 106 consultation.

Implementation Principles

I. Rehabilitating historic properties to provide affordable housing is a sound historic preservation strategy.

II. Federal agencies and State and local government entities assuming HUD’s environmental review requirements are responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 106.

III. Review of effects in historic districts should focus on exterior features. Section 106 review of effects focuses on the characteristics that qualify a property for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The significance of historic districts is typically associated with exterior features. Accordingly, unless a building is listed or considered eligible for listing in the National Register as an individual property or specific interior elements contribute to maintaining a district’s character, review under Section 106 should focus on proposed changes to the exterior. In all cases, identifying the features that qualify a property for inclusion in the National Register defines the scope of Section 106 review.

IV. Consultation should consider the overall preservation goals of the community. When assessing, and negotiating the resolution of, the effects of affordable housing projects on historic properties, consultation should focus not simply on individual buildings but on the historic preservation goals of the broader neighborhood or community. If the affected historic property is a historic district, the agency official should assess effects on the historic district as a whole. Proposals to demolish historic properties for new replacement housing should be based on background documentation that addresses the broader context of the historic district and evaluates the economic and structural feasibility of rehabilitation that advances affordable housing.

V. Plans and specifications should adhere to the Secretary’s Standards when possible and practical. The Secretary’s Standards outline a consistent national approach to the treatment of historic properties that can be applied flexibly in a way that relates to local character and needs. Plans and specifications for rehabilitation, new construction, and abatement of hazardous conditions in affordable housing projects associated with historic properties should adhere to the recommendations for rehabilitation projects when possible and practical. The ACHP recognizes that there are instances when the Secretary’s Standards cannot be followed and that Section 106 allows for the negotiation of other outcomes.

VI. Section 106 consultation should emphasize consensus building. Section 106 review strives to build consensus with affected communities in all phases of the process. Consultation with affected communities should be on a scale appropriate to that of the undertaking. Various stakeholders, including community members and neighborhood residents, should be included in the Section 106 review process as consulting parties so that the full range of issues can be addressed in developing a balance between historic preservation and affordable housing goals.

VII. The ACHP encourages streamlining the Section 106 process to respond to local conditions. The ACHP encourages participants to seek innovative and practical ways to streamline the Section 106 process that respond to unique local conditions related to the delivery of affordable housing. Programmatic Agreements often delegate the Section 106 review role of the SHPO to local governments, particularly where local preservation ordinances exist and or where qualified preservation professionals are employed to improve the efficiency of historic preservation reviews. Such agreements may also target the Section 106 review process to local circumstances that warrant the creation of exempt categories for routine activities, the adoption of “treatment and design protocol” for rehabilitation and new infill construction, and the development of design guidelines tailored to a specific historic district and/or neighborhood.

VIII. The need for archeological investigations should be avoided. Archeological investigations should not be required for affordable housing projects limited to rehabilitation and requiring minimal ground disturbance.


Dated: July 12, 2006.

Don Klima,
Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. USCBP–2006–0086]

Notice of Meeting of The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (COAC)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection...
and Related Homeland Security Functions (COAC) (formerly known as the “Commercial Operations Advisory Committee” or “COAC”) will meet in open session.

DATES: Thursday, August 3, 2006, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. If you desire to submit comments, they must be submitted by July 27, 2006.

Comments must be identified by USCBP—2006–0086 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: traderelations@dhs.gov.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the COAC, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20229.

Tentative Agenda

1. Introductory Remarks.
3. Advance Data Requirements.
4. CBP Strategic Plan.
6. Trade Enforcement Initiatives.
7. WCO (World Customs Organization) Framework.

Dated: July 11, 2006.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2006–25280]


AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request an extension of their approval of the following collections of information: (1) 1625–0052, Nondestructive Testing of Certain Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges; (2) 1625–0057, Small Passenger Vessels—Title 46 CFR Subchapters K and T, and the revision of collection (3) 1625–0065, Offshore Supply Vessels—Title 46 CFR Subchapter L. Before submitting these ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is inviting comments on them as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 15, 2006.

ADDRESS: To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket [USCG–2006–25280] 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.

(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.


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 ICRs are 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 (Att: Ms. Barbara Davis), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The telephone number is 202–475–3523.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, telephone 202–475–3523, or fax 202–475–3029, for questions on these documents; or telephone Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager,