are expected to be fully deployed for testing by March 19, 2007. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time during the test period to the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Swanson via e-mail at james.d.swanson@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of automated truck manifest data for truck carrier accounts was announced in a notice published in the Federal Register (69 FR 55167) on September 13, 2004. That notice stated that the test of the Automated Truck Manifest would be conducted in a phased approach, with primary deployment scheduled for no earlier than November 29, 2004.

A series of Federal Register notices have announced the implementation of the test, beginning with a notice published on May 31, 2005 (70 FR 30964). As described in that document, the deployment sites for the test have been phased in as clusters. The ports identified belonging to the first cluster were announced in the May 31, 2005 notice. Additional clusters were announced in subsequent notices published in the Federal Register including: 70 FR 43892, published on July 29, 2005; 70 FR 60066, published on October 14, 2005; 71 FR 3875, published on January 24, 2006; 71 FR 23941, published on April 25, 2006; 71 FR 42130, published on July 25, 2006; 71 FR 77404, published on December 26, 2006; and 72 FR 7058, published on February 14, 2007.

New Clusters

Through this notice, CBP announces that the next clusters of ports to be brought up for purposes of deployment of the test, to be fully deployed by March 19, 2007, will be the port of Pittsburg in the state of New Hampshire and the following specified ports in the state of Maine: Ferry Point, Milltown, Eastport, Lubec, Vanceboro, Forest City, Orient, Houlton, Monticello, Van Buren, Hamlin, Madawaska, Fort Kent, Eastcourt, Limestone, Jackman, Coburn Gore, St. Zacharie, St. Aurelie, St. Pamphile, St. Juste, Fort Fairfield, Easton, and Bridgewater.

This deployment is for purposes of the test of the transmission of automated truck manifest data only; the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Truck Manifest System is not yet the mandated transmission system for these ports. The ACE Truck Manifest System will become the mandatory transmission system in these ports only after publication in the Federal Register of 90 days notice, as explained by CBP in the Federal Register notice published on October 27, 2006 (71 FR 62922).

Previous NCAP Notices Not Concerning Deployment Schedules

On Monday, March 21, 2005, a notice was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 13514) announcing a modification to the NCAP test to clarify that all relevant data elements are required to be submitted in the automated truck manifest submission. That notice did not announce any change to the deployment schedule and is not affected by publication of this notice. All requirements and aspects of the test, as set forth in the September 13, 2004 notice, as modified by the March 21, 2005 notice, continue to be applicable.


Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

New Test Program Regarding Electronic Foreign Trade Zone Admission Applications

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

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: In a document published in the Federal Register on August 19, 2005, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced its plan to conduct a voluntary program to test the viability of submitting electronic FTZ admission applications (CBP Form 214—“FTZ Admission and/or Status Designation”) to CBP via the Automated Broker Interface (ABI). The test program was intended to run for a period of approximately 6 months from the program’s September 30, 2005 commencement date with a final evaluation to take place at the end of that period. This notice informs interested members of the public that after CBP’s initial evaluation of the test program, it was determined that due to the insufficient data collected the test should be run again for a period of approximately 6 months from March 26, 2007. The new test program is intended to encourage greater participation in the prototype by the trade and thereby provide CBP with more meaningful data by which to assess the feasibility of implementing the test program on a permanent basis.

DATES: The Electronic FTZ Admission Application test program will resume for a period of 6 months from March 26, 2007. CBP may extend the test for additional periods of time by way of announcement in the Federal Register. Comments concerning this notice and any aspect of the prototype may be submitted at any time during the test period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding this notice should be addressed to Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, Cargo Control Branch, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.2C, Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonja Grant, Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, via e-mail at sonja.grant@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the Act), Public Law 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057 (December 8, 1993), contains provisions pertaining to Customs Modernization (107 Stat. 2170). Subpart B of Title VI of the Act concerns the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP), an electronic system for the processing of commercial importations. Within subpart B, section 631 of the Act added section 411 to the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1411–1414), which defines the NCAP, provides for the establishment of and participation in the NCAP, and includes a list of existing and planned components. Section 411a(2)(G) identifies any program initiated by Customs and Border Protection to carry out the automation goals of this subpart as a planned NCAP component. The planned test program described in this document falls within this category of planned NCAP component. Section 101.9(b) of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 101.9(b)) provides for the testing of NCAP planned components. The Electronic Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Admissions Application prototype is being tested in accordance with this provision.
Description of the Test Program

A notice describing the Electronic FTZ Admissions Application test program and setting forth the program’s terms and conditions was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 48774) on August 19, 2005. The voluntary test program permitted the electronic filing of FTZ admission applications (CBP Form 214—“FTZ Admission and/or Status Designation”) with CBP via the Automated Broker Interface (ABI). That document stated that the test program was to commence no earlier than September 30, 2005, and continue to run for a period of approximately 6 months with a final evaluation to take place at the end of that period.

This notice informs interested members of the public that after CBP’s initial evaluation of the test program, it was determined that due to the insufficient data collected the test should be run again for a period of approximately 6 months from March 26, 2007. The new test program is intended to encourage greater participation in the prototype by the trade and thereby provide CBP with more meaningful data by which to assess the feasibility of implementing the test program on a permanent basis. A final evaluation will take place at the end of the test period.

All of the Electronic FTZ Admissions Application test program terms and conditions set forth in the August 19, 2005, Federal Register notice will be in effect.


Jayson P. Ahern,
Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5117–N–26]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Uniform Physical Standards & Physical Inspection Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

Multifamily properties owned by HUD or with HUD-insured mortgages must be inspected regularly. Mortgagees/lenders inspect projects with HUD-insured mortgages. All owners/agents must certify that Exigent Health and Safety (EH&S) deficiencies noted during the inspection have been repaired. HUD uses the information to ensure that the properties are maintained in a condition that is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair.

DATES: Comments Due Date: April 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502–0369) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian_L_Deziter@hud.gov or telephone (202) 708–2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer or from HUD’s Web site at http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 through 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: Uniform Physical Standards & Physical Inspection Requirements.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0369.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Multifamily properties owned by HUD or with HUD-insured mortgages must be inspected regularly. Mortgagees/lenders inspect projects with HUD-insured mortgages. All owners/agents must certify that Exigent Health and Safety (EH&S) deficiencies noted during the inspection have been repaired. HUD uses the information to ensure that the properties are maintained in a condition that is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Other (every 3 years).