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### Information Collection Request

*Title:* Shipping Articles.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0006.

*Summary:* Title 46 United States Code §§ 10302 and 10502 and Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 14.201 require applicable owners, charterers, managing operators, masters, or individuals in charge to make a shipping agreement in writing with each seaman before the seaman commences employment. Additionally, 46 CFR 14.313 requires shipping companies to submit Shipping Articles to the Coast Guard: Three years after the article was generated; upon going out of business or merger with another company; or upon request by the Coast Guard. Upon receipt and acceptance, Shipping Articles are transferred and archived at the Federal Records Center in Suitland, Maryland.

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

*Forms:* CG-705A.

*Respondents:* Shipping companies.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

Dated: August 16, 2011.

### R.E. Day,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred

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

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing information collection.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred (Form 4609). This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 34245) on June 13, 2011, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 21, 2011

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 104-13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic,

mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information.

*Title:* Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0100.

*Form Number:* CBP Form 4609.

*Abstract:* CBP Form 4609, *Petition for Remission of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred*, is completed and filed with the CBP Port Director by individuals who have been found to be in violation of one or more provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, or other laws administered by the CBP. Persons who violate the Tariff Act are entitled to file a petition seeking mitigation of any statutory penalty imposed or remission of a statutory forfeiture incurred. This petition is submitted on CBP Form 4609. The information provided on this form is used by CBP personnel as a basis for granting relief from forfeiture or penalty. CBP Form 4609 is authorized by 19 U.S.C. 1618 and provided for by 19 CFR 171.11. It is accessible at [http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP\\_Form\\_4609.pdf](http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP_Form_4609.pdf).

*Current Actions:* CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with no change to the burden hours or to the information being collected.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses, Travelers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 28,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 28,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 14 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,500.

If additional information is required contact: Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 799 9th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

Dated: August 17, 2011.

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