

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4082-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2012-0002]

#### Alabama; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency  
Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Alabama (FEMA-4082-DR), dated September 21, 2012, and related determinations.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 21, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peggy Miller, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 21, 2012, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Alabama resulting from Hurricane Isaac during the period of August 26 to September 5, 2012, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Alabama.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Joe M. Girot, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Alabama have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Baldwin, Mobile, and Pickens Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Alabama are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Expansion of Importer Self- Assessment Program To Include Qualified Importers of Focused Assessment Audits

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces changes to the Importer Self-Assessment (ISA) program and describes the requirements for participation in, and benefits under, the program. The ISA program allows participants an opportunity to assess their own compliance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) laws and regulations rather than undergoing

comprehensive CBP audits. This document announces that a company that has successfully undergone a CBP Focused Assessment (FA) audit may be eligible to transition into the ISA program without further CBP review within twelve (12) months from the date of the FA Report wherein Regulatory Audit, Office of International Trade, has determined that the company represents an acceptable risk to CBP, if the company also: Is a U.S. or Canadian resident importer; obtains Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program membership; develops a risk-based self-testing plan; and agrees to meet all of the ISA program requirements. An Application Review Meeting, which is normally required for ISA applicants, will not be required for participants under this new policy.

**DATES:** The program modifications set forth in this document are effective October 5, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Leonard, Acting Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs, Office of International Trade, at [tppb-isa@dhs.gov](mailto:tppb-isa@dhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

##### *Importer Self-Assessment Program and the Focused Assessment*

The Importer Self-Assessment (ISA) program is a joint government-business initiative designed to build cooperative relationships that strengthen trade compliance. It is based on the premise that companies with strong internal controls achieve the highest level of compliance with customs laws and regulations. On June 7, 2002, the former U.S. Customs Service (now U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)) published a **Federal Register** (67 FR 41298) notice announcing the ISA program and describing the requirements for participation in, and benefits under, the program. For the most part, the requirements for participation in the ISA program remain as described in the 2002 Notice, except that the program has been expanded to accept Canadian as well as U.S. importers and participants must retain self-testing results for three (3) years.

Upon acceptance into the ISA program, the company will immediately begin to receive the following benefits:

- Entitled to receive entry summary trade data, including analysis support, from CBP.
- Consultation, guidance, and training by CBP if requested and as resources permit (for compliance, risk