

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****U.S. Customs and Border Protection****Customs Brokers User Fee Payment for 2015**

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice to customs brokers that the annual fee of \$138 that is assessed for each permit held by a broker, whether it may be an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, is due by February 27, 2015.

**DATES:** Payment of the 2015 Customs Broker User Fee is due by February 27, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Barulich, Broker Management Branch, Office of International Trade, (202) 863-6099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to § 111.96 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 111.96(c)), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) assesses an annual user fee of \$138 for each customs broker district and national permit held by an individual, partnership, association, or corporation. CBP regulations provide that this fee is payable for each calendar year in each broker district where the broker was issued a permit to do business by the due date which is published in the **Federal Register** annually. See 19 CFR 24.22(h) and (i)(9). Broker districts are defined in the General Notice entitled, "Geographical Boundaries of Customs Brokerage, Cartage and Lighterage Districts" published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 1995 (60 FR 49971).

As required by 19 CFR 111.96, CBP must provide notice in the **Federal Register** no later than 60 days before such due date on which the payment is due for each broker permit. This document notifies customs brokers that for calendar year 2015, the due date for payment of the user fee is February 27, 2015. It is anticipated that for subsequent years, the annual user fee for customs brokers will be due on the last business day of February of each year.

Dated: December 17, 2014.

**Brenda B. Smith,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****U.S. Customs and Border Protection****New Date for the April 2015 Customs Broker License Examination**

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has changed the date on which the semi-annual written examination for an individual broker's license will be held in April 2015.

**DATES:** The customs broker's license examination scheduled for April 2015 will be held on Monday, April 13.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lugo, Broker Management Branch, Office of International Trade, (202) 863-6015.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), provides that a person (an individual, corporation, association, or partnership) must hold a valid customs broker's license and permit in order to transact customs business on behalf of others, sets forth standards for the issuance of broker's licenses and permits, and provides for the taking of disciplinary action against brokers that have engaged in specified types of infractions. This section also provides that an examination may be conducted to assess an applicant's qualifications for a license.

The regulations issued under the authority of section 641 are set forth in Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 111 (19 CFR part 111). Part 111 sets forth the regulations regarding the licensing of, and granting of permits to, persons desiring to transact customs business as customs brokers. These regulations also include the qualifications required of applicants and the procedures for applying for licenses and permits. 19 CFR 111.11 sets forth the basic requirements for a broker's license and, 19 CFR 111.11(a)(4), provides that an applicant for an individual broker's license must attain a passing grade (75 percent or higher) on a written examination.

19 CFR 111.13 sets forth the requirements and procedures for the written examination for an individual broker's license and states that written customs broker license examinations will be given on the first Monday in

April and October unless the regularly scheduled examination date conflicts with a national holiday, religious observance, or other foreseeable event.

CBP recognizes that the first Monday in April 2015 coincides with the observance of the religious holiday of Passover. In consideration of this conflict, CBP has decided to change the regularly scheduled date of the examination. This document announces that CBP has scheduled the April 2015 broker license examination for Monday, April 13, 2015.

Dated: December 16, 2014.

**Brenda B. Smith,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5758-N-15]

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Data Collection Questionnaires for Thompson v. HUD Research Study**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* Thompson v. HUD: Interface of Mobility and Sustainability.

*OMB Approval Number:* N/A.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The proposed data collection supports the research HUD is required to undertake outlined in the *Thompson v. HUD* et al Settlement Agreement. The purpose of this data collection is to gather demographic and experiential information on a subset of Housing Choice Voucher holders in the Baltimore metropolitan region who have received special vouchers as part of the Settlement (“Thompson vouchers”). This data collection will inform the research with information to determine whether Thompson vouchers enable(d) households to more easily relocate to neighborhoods with greater opportunity than regular voucher households. Along with data gathered from other sources, the data from this collection will be used to define neighborhoods of opportunity—providing greater access to educational, social, economic, and health benefits—and where those neighborhoods are located within the Baltimore region. Defining

neighborhoods of opportunity is essential to the research, as it will allow the researchers to compare and analyze the mobility and relocation choices of Thompson and regular voucher households. This comparison will highlight the accessibility of such opportunities to the Plaintiff Class, a core component of the research requirement described in the Settlement Agreement. Positive program outcomes identified through this research will be of value to voucher programs in other regions of the country.

*Respondents:* Selected Housing Choice Voucher holders in the Baltimore Metropolitan region (Baltimore City and County; Anne Arundel County; Carroll County; Howard County; Harford County; and Queen Anne’s County).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 226.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 226.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1.56.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 353 hours.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Thompson v. HUD Data Collection .....	226	1	226	1.56	353	\$13.43	\$4,741.14
Total .....	226	1	226	1.56	353	\$13.43	\$4,741.14

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) 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) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comments in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35.

Dated: December 11, 2014.

**Katherine O’Regan,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-HQ-IA-2014-N253; FXIA16710900000-156-FF09A30000]**

**Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before January 21, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281; or email [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?*

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email