

subheading 7307.99.50, HTSUS, as other tube or pipe fitting (for example, couplings, elbows, sleeves), of iron or steel. It is CBP's position that the subject fitting is a part of general use that can connect tubes and pipes, and is thus classified under heading 7307, HTSUS, by application of GRI 1 and the exclusionary effect of Legal Note 1(g) to Section XVI. In order for classification by application of GRI 3 to be appropriate, a good must be unable to be classified by application of GRIs 1 or 2, and the good must be *prima facie* classifiable in two or more headings. In this instance, goods of heading 7307, HTSUS, are explicitly excluded from heading 8412, HTSUS, by application of Legal Note 1(g) to Section XVI. Therefore, GRI 3 is not applicable. Historically, CBP has recognized that, for tariff purposes, hoses are not interchangeable with pipes or tubes. In HQ 088393, dated March 26, 1991, CBP examined the difference between hose fittings, and tube or pipe fittings. In that ruling, CBP first noted that the courts have long recognized that although a "hose" may be considered a "tube" in common meaning, they are not interchangeable terms for tariff purposes. Citing *John V. Carr & Son, Inc. v. United States*, 76 Cust.Ct. 162, C.D. 4652 (1976) (interpreting the meanings of the terms "hose" and "pipes and tubes" within the context of the Tariff Schedule of the United States (TSUS)); see also *J.E. Bernard & Co., Inc. v. United States*, 64 Cust.Ct. 425, C.D. 4029 (1970) (in comparing the TSUS tariff terms "copper tubing" and "flexible metal tubing," the court expressed the principle that quite often articles that literally appear to respond to the common meaning of a tariff term are not the articles classified in a tariff sense); *R.J. Saunders & Co., Inc. v. United States*, 49 C.C.P.A. 87, C.A.D. 801 (1962). Thus, under the TSUS, CBP consistently held that hose fittings are not properly classifiable under the TSUS provision for pipe and tube fittings. See C.I.E. 953/63 (July 2, 1963), C.I.E. 1684/65 (October 18, 1965), TC 465.251 M (June 18, 1968), TC 426.89 AS (November 27, 1968), MFG 423.371 G (September 8, 1970), and HQ 064538 (April 17, 1980). While prior TSUS cases are not dispositive, "[n]evertheless, on a case-by-case basis prior decisions should be considered instructive in interpreting the HTSUS, particularly where the nomenclature previously interpreted in those decisions remains unchanged and no dissimilar interpretation is required by the text of the HTSUS." H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 100-576, at 549-50 (1988),

reprinted in 1988 U.S.C.A.N. 1547, 1582-83; see also NY 870421, dated February 7, 1992.

The text of heading 7307, HTSUS, provides for "tube or pipe fittings," which is similar to the TSUS text in the cases discussed above ("pipe and tube fittings," heading 613, TSUS). Thus, with regard to the competing HTSUS provisions at issue, CBP's position is that if an iron or steel fitting is a part of general use and is designed in such a manner where it can be used in conjunction with tubes or pipes, or tubes, pipes and hoses, that fitting is classified in heading 7307. See NY K87518, dated July 21, 2004; see also NY H87517, dated February 20, 2002.

However, and again with regard to the competing headings at issue, if such fittings meet the terms of Note 2 to Section XVI and are considered to be parts of hydraulic systems, such as hose fittings (as opposed to "parts of general use" of heading 7307, HTSUS), they are classified in heading 8412, HTSUS. See NY K89798, dated October 18, 2004; NY N006172, dated February 28, 2007; NY H82321, dated June 25, 2001; NY N242950, dated June 26, 2013; see also HQ 956743, dated January 24, 1995 (stating the general principle).

CBP concludes that the subject fittings are parts of general use that can connect tubes and pipes, and are thus classified under heading 7307, HTSUS, by application of GRI 1 and the exclusionary effect of Legal Note 1(g) to Section XVI. Finally, with regard to Petitioner's argument that GRI 3 is applicable, in order for classification by application of GRI 3 to be appropriate, a good must be unable to be classified by application of GRIs 1 or 2, and the good must be *prima facie* classifiable in two or more headings. In this instance, goods of heading 7307, HTSUS, are explicitly excluded from heading 8412, HTSUS, by application of Legal Note 1(g) to Section XVI. Therefore, GRI 3 is not applicable. In addition, GRI 3 does not apply because the fittings do not consist of more than one material or substance.

#### Comments

Pursuant to section 175.21, CBP Regulations (19 CFR 175.21), before making a determination on this matter, CBP invites written comments on the petition from interested parties.

The domestic interested party petition concerning the tariff classification of hydraulic system fittings, as well as all comments received in response to this notice, will be available for public inspection on the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Please note that any submitted comments that CBP

receives by mail will be posted on the above-referenced docket for the public's convenience.

#### Authority

This notice is published in accordance with 19 U.S.C. 1516 and section 175.21 of the CBP Regulations (19 CFR 175.21).

Dated: February 4, 2016.

**R. Gil Kerlikowske,**

*Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0054]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony, Form Number N-445; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.* the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until April 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0054 in the subject box, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2006-0055. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only *one* of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2006-0055;

(2) *Email.* Submit comments to [USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov);

(3) *Mail.* Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Acting Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, telephone number 202–272–8377 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS–2006–0055 in the search box. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more 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, 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, 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 collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* N–445; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. The information furnished on Form N–445 refers to events that may have occurred since the applicant's initial interview and prior to the administration of the oath of allegiance. Several months may elapse between these dates and the information that is provided assists the officer to make and render an appropriate decision on the application. USCIS will use this information to determine if any changes to the respondent's prior statements affect the decisions the agency has made in regards to the respondent's ability to be naturalized.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection N–445 is 900,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is .166 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 149,400 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$0.

Dated: February 4, 2016.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

*Acting Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Notice of March 9, 2016, Meeting of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of annual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the annual meeting of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council (Council). The agenda includes a talk about the history and contemporary nature of the Boston Harbor Islands as “islands on the edge.” Since their ancient formation by rising sea level, the Boston Harbor Islands have literally been on the edge of the continent, places where land meets sea, and now at the edge of a major metropolitan area. The islands have often been on the “edge of society,” used to isolate people, institutions, and activities. After the talk, a business meeting will follow. The Council will introduce candidates interested in membership, hold elections for officers, and nominate Council representatives to the Partnership. Superintendent Giles Parker will also give updates about park operations and planning efforts.

**DATES:** March 9, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern).

**ADDRESSES:** Museum of African American History, 14 Beacon Street, Suite 401, Boston, MA 02108.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Giles Parker, Superintendent and Designated Federal Official (DFO), Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, 15 State Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02109, telephone (617) 223–8669, or email [giles\\_parker@nps.gov](mailto:giles_parker@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Those wishing to submit written comments may contact the DFO for the Council, Giles Parker, by mail at National Park Service, Boston Harbor Islands, 15 State Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02109. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.