Navigation Safety Advisory Council terminates, all appointments to the Council terminate.

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If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Council, send your cover letter and resume to Mr. George Detweiler, the Navigation Safety Advisory Council, Alternate Designated Federal Officer via one of the transmittal methods in the ADDRESSES section by the deadline in the DATES section of this notice. All email submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651–0029]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation, and Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit


ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments; extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection 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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to 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. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Overview of This Information Collection

Title: Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation, and Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit.

OMB Number: 1651–0029.


Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Action: CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with no change to the burden hours or to CBP Forms 214, 214A, 214B, 214C, and 216.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Abstract: Foreign trade zones (FTZs) are geographical enclaves located within the geographical limits of the United States but for tariff purposes are considered to be outside the United States. Imported merchandise may be brought into FTZs for storage, manipulation, manufacture or other processing and subsequent removal for exportation, consumption in the United States, or destruction. A company bringing goods into an FTZ has a choice of zone status (privileged/non-privileged foreign, domestic, or zone-restricted), which affects the way such goods are treated by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and treated for tariff purposes upon entry into the customs territory of the U.S.

CBP Forms 214, 214A, 214B, and 214C, which make up the Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation, is used by companies that bring merchandise into an FTZ to register the admission of such merchandise into FTZs and to apply for the appropriate zone status. CBP Form 216, Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit, is used by companies to request approval to manipulate, manufacture, exhibit, or destroy merchandise in an FTZ.

These FTZ forms are authorized by 19 U.S.C. 81 and provided for by 19 CFR 146.22, 146.32, 146.39, 146.40, 146.41, 146.44, 146.47, 146.52, 146.53, and 146.66. These forms are accessible at: http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms.

Form 214, Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,749.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 168,725.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Opening of Application Period for Third-Party Canine-Cargo Certifiers

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is opening a 90-day window for applications to become third-party canine-cargo certifying organizations. Successful applicants will be required to sign and comply with an Order issued by TSA. Approved certifying organizations will assess third-party explosives detection canine teams to determine whether they meet TSA’s standards for screening air cargo. This notice provides information necessary for qualified, interested persons to obtain the application.

DATES: Opening Date: Applications will be accepted beginning 12:01 a.m. (EDT) on May 21, 2018. Closing Date: Applications under this notice must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on August 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties can contact 3PKCert@tsa.dhs.gov to obtain a copy of the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Noah Burnett, 3PK9–C Team, Canine Training Center, Office of Training and Development, Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; email to 3PKCert@tsa.dhs.gov; telephone at (210) 396–4425 (desk); fax to (210) 671–4911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

TSA created the Third-Party Canine-Cargo (3PK9–C) Program, under TSA’s regulations for Certified Cargo Screening Programs (C SSP), see 49 CFR part 1549, to provide an efficient and effective method for screening air cargo to TSA’s standards. Under this program, third-party canine teams trained in explosives detection can be certified by a non-governmental entity, acting under the approval of TSA, as meeting TSA’s certification standards. Certified 3PK9–C teams can be deployed to screen air cargo for aircraft operators, foreign air carriers, and other TSA-regulated parties operating under a TSA-approved or accepted security program.

TSA is seeking applications from qualified persons interested in becoming an approved 3PK9–C Certifier under the 3PK9–C Program. All applicants must meet the minimal qualifications before their application will be evaluated to determine whether the applicant meets TSA’s requirements.

The evaluation process will assess whether the applicant meets TSA’s requirements. Applications received between 12:01 a.m. (EDT) on May 21, 2018 and 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on August 19, 2018, will be reviewed on a rolling basis. If the agency determines that an applicant meets TSA’s requirements, TSA will provide the applicant with a copy of a binding Order¹ that must be signed before the applicant becomes a participant in the program as a 3PK9–C Certifier. Failure to comply with the 3PK9–C Certifier Order may result in removal from the program and/or enforcement action against the 3PK9–C Certifier. TSA may require the 3PK9–C Certifier to submit additional information under the Order and complete orientation before being approved by TSA to commence operations.

Under this program, 3PK9–C Certifiers are authorized to conduct certifications and make determinations as to whether canine teams meet TSA’s standards as specified in the Order. Selection as a 3PK9–C Certifier does not indicate any of the following:

- An award of a government-issued contract or financial support from TSA (no Federal funding will be expended for certification of canine teams under the 3PK9–C program).
- A guarantee of any minimum work or funding.

TSA must ensure the certification of canine teams under the 3PK9–C Program will be conducted in an appropriate, consistent and verifiable manner. In general, TSA will review applications to determine whether:

- The applicant demonstrates expert knowledge of critical test and evaluation concepts to certify canine teams for the detection of explosives (for example, management of certification data, explosives training aids, use and safety, etc.);
- The applicant demonstrates sufficient past performance and expertise in performing explosive detection canine team certifications.

TSA will make its determinations based on the information submitted by the applicant in its application. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to ensure they provide complete information related to all requirements. TSA may contact the applicant with questions and/or requests for clarification during the review of submitted materials.

Applicants will be required to attest that they meet or will be able to meet the minimal qualification standards identified below. These minimum requirements must be sustained throughout the applicant’s participation in the 3PK9–C Program.

1. Has or can obtain permission from TSA to receive, store, and protect SSI in accordance with TSA regulations and policies (see footnote 1).

2. All proprietors, general partners, officers, directors, or owners of the applicant, as well as all employees who will perform activities pursuant to this application or the 3PK9–C Certifier Order, have successfully completed or are able to successfully complete a security threat assessment (STA) identified in 49 CFR part 1540, subpart C.

3. Has necessary resources and personnel to implement and sustain the certification plan submitted with the application.

4. Can comply with applicable Federal, state and local regulations regarding the safe handling and storage of explosives.

5. For each 3PK9–C Certifier employee who will be conducting certification activities, ensure the individual has a minimum of five years of explosives and/or narcotics detection experience in conducting certifications with one or more of the following organizations: