clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf.* For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: December 21, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreement to the Secretary by email at *Secretary@fmc.gov,* or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's website (*www.fmc.gov*) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or *tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.*

Agreement No.: 011962–015.

Agreement Name: Consolidated Chassis Management Pool Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd.; APL Co. Pte. Ltd.; CMA CGM S.A.; COSCO Shipping Lines Co., Ltd.; Evergreen Line Joint Service Agreement; Hamburg Sud; Hapag-Lloyd AG; Hapag-Lloyd USA, LLC; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.; Maersk Line A/S; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A.; Orient Overseas Container Line Limited; Westwood Shipping Lines, Inc.; Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation; Zim Integrated Shipping Services Ltd.; and Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.

Filing Party: Donald Kassilke; Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The amendment deletes Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line; and Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. as parties due to the creation of Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd., and redesignates Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp. as a non-OCEMA ocean common carrier party to the agreement due to its earlier withdrawal from OCEMA.

Proposed Effective Date: 12/17/2018.

Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/454.

Dated: December 21, 2018.

Rachel Dickon,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier CMS–R–74]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by January 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–5806 *OR,* Email: *OIRA_s submission@omb.eop.gov.*

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at *https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html.*

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.*

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term ''collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

Information Collection

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Income and Eligibility Verification System Reporting and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* Section 1137 of the Social Security Act requires that States verify the income and eligibility information contained on the applicant's application and in the applicant's case file through data matches with the agencies and entities

identified in this section. The State Medicaid/CHIP agency will report the existence of a system to collect all information needed to determine and redetermine eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP. The State Medicaid/CHIP agency will attest to using the PARIS system in determining beneficiary eligibility in Medicaid or CHIP benefit programs. *Form Number:* CMS–R–74 (*OMB control number:* 0938–0467); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 55; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,241; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,071. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Stephanie Bell at 410–786–0617.)

Dated: December 13, 2018.

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3356–NC]

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Medicare Program; Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) Fees

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice with comment period announces the increase of certain fees established under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). The Public Health Service Act (PHSA) requires the Secretary to impose certificate fees to cover the general costs of administering the CLIA program, as well as additional fees, including Inspection fees for non-accredited laboratories. We are increasing these fees to cover the cost of administering the CLIA program as required by statute. We seek public comment regarding this increase, which we believe is necessary to meet the statutory requirements.

DATES: *Comments:* To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on March 1, 2019.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, refer to file code CMS–3356–NC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

Comments, including mass comment submissions, must be submitted in one of the following three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to *http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the ''Submit a comment'' instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3356–NC, P.O. Box 8016, Baltimore, MD 21244–8016. Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3356–NC, Mail Stop C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850. For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For policy related questions, please contact Cindy Flacks, 410–786–6520, and Caecilia Blondiaux, 410–786–2190.

For the Budget and Financial Impact, please contact Jeffrey Pleines, 410–786–0684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Inspection of Public Comments: All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post all comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: *http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the search instructions on that website to view public comments.

I. Background

A. CLIA Fees

On October 31, 1988, Congress enacted the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) (Pub. L. 100–578), which replaced in its entirety section 353 of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). Section 353(m) of the PHSA requires the Secretary to impose two separate types of fees: ''certificate fees'' and ''additional fees.'' Certificate fees are imposed for the issuance and renewal of certificates and must be sufficient to cover the general costs of administering the CLIA program, including evaluating and monitoring approved proficiency testing (PT) programs and accrediting bodies and implementing and monitoring compliance with program requirements. Additional fees are imposed for inspections of non-accredited laboratories and for the cost of performing PT on laboratories that do not participate in approved PT programs intended to cover the cost of evaluating a laboratory to determine overall if an accreditation organization's standards and inspection process is equivalent to the CLIA program. These evaluations are referred to as validation inspections. The additional fees must be sufficient to cover, among other things, the cost of carrying out such inspections and PT. Certificate and additional fees vary by group or classification of laboratory, based on such considerations as the Secretary determines are relevant, which may include the dollar volume and scope of the testing being performed by the laboratories, and only a nominal fee may be required for the issuance and renewal of Certificates of Waiver (CoWs).

The regulations provide for a methodology for determining fee amounts (§ 493.649) and periodic updating of the certificate fee amounts (§ 493.638(b)) and compliance fee amounts (§ 493.643(b)). Under § 493.645(b)(1), laboratories that are issued a certificate of accreditation (CoA) are assessed a fee to cover the cost of validation inspections. All accredited laboratories share in the cost of these inspections. These costs are the same as those that are incurred when inspecting non-accredited laboratories.

B. CLIA Budget Process

With the exception of the ''CLIA Program; Fee Schedule Revision'' notice published in the August 29, 1997 **Federal Register** (62 FR 45815 through 45821), the fees imposed to cover the costs of administering the CLIA program have not been updated since 1992. The fee amounts currently collected under the CLIA regulations are based on preliminary assumptions made in 1992 about future program operations and workload requirements. After decades of actual program experience, we have determined that it is necessary to increase certain CLIA fees to fund current and future program operations as required by section 353(m) of the PHSA. Specifically, as discussed in section II. of this notice with comment period, we are increasing those CLIA fees collected under § 493.638(b) (hereinafter referred to as ''Certificate Fees''), with the exception of fees for