DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
[1651–0085]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Administrative Rulings


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 (PRA). The information collection is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than June 7, 2019) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651–0085 in the subject line and the agency name. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments:

1. Email. Submit comments to: CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177. Telephone number 202–325–0056 or via email CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877–227–5511, (TTY) 1–800–877–8339, or CBP website at https://www.cbp.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to 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: Administrative Rulings.

OMB Number: 1651–0085.

Abstract: The collection of information in 19 CFR part 177 is necessary in order to enable Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to respond to requests by importers and other interested persons for the issuance of administrative rulings. These rulings pertain to the interpretation of applicable laws related to prospective and current transactions involving classification, marking, and country of origin. The collection of information in Part 177 of the CBP Regulations is also necessary to enable CBP to make proper decisions regarding the issuance of binding rulings that modify or revoke prior CBP binding rulings. This collection of information is authorized by 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202, (General Note 3(i), Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States). The application to obtain an administrative ruling is accessible at: https://apps.cbp.gov/erulings.

Action: CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with no increase or decrease in the overall estimated burden hours. However, there was a reduction in the Appeals respondent group and an increase in the Administrative Rulings respondent group due to updated agency estimates. In addition there was a decrease in the estimated time per response for the Appeals respondent group. There is no change to the information being collected.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Rulings

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Responses: 3,500.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 35,000.

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Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Responses: 100.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000.


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