DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651–0053]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers


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: Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers.

OMB Number: 1651–0053.

Form Number: CBP Form 6478.

Abstract: Commercial laboratories seeking accreditation or approval must provide the information specified in 19 CFR 151.12 to Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Commercial Gaugers seeking CBP approval must provide the information specified under 19 CFR 151.13. This information may be submitted on CBP Form 6478. After the initial approval and/or accreditation, a private company may “extend” its approval and/or accreditation to add facilities by submitting a formal written request to CBP. This application process is authorized by Section 613 of Public Law 103–182 (NAFTA Implementation Act), codified at 19 U.S.C. 1499(b), which directs CBP to establish a procedure to accredit privately owned testing laboratories. The information collected is used by CBP in deciding whether to approve individuals or businesses desiring to measure bulk products or to analyze importations. Instructions for completing these applications are accessible at: http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories. CBP Form 6478 is accessible at: http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CBP%20Form%206478_0.pdf.

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with no change to the burden hours or to the information collected.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Applications for Commercial Testing and Approval of Commercial Gaugers:

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 8.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 8.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

Record Keeping Associated with Applications for Commercial Testing and Approval of Commercial Gaugers:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 180.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.

Dated: May 14, 2019.

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