

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Office of the Secretary**

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**Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.  
**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This regulatory agenda is a semiannual summary of projected regulations, existing regulations, and completed actions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its components. This agenda provides the public with information about DHS’s regulatory and deregulatory activity. DHS expects that this information will enable the public to be more aware of, and effectively participate in, the Department’s regulatory and deregulatory activity. DHS invites the public to submit comments on any aspect of this agenda.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DHS provides this notice pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96–354, Sept. 19, 1980) and Executive Order 12866 “Regulatory Planning and Review” (Sept. 30, 1993) as incorporated in Executive Order 13563 “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review” (Jan. 18, 2011) and Executive Order 13771 “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs” (Jan. 30, 2017), which require the Department to publish a semiannual agenda of regulations. The regulatory agenda is a summary of existing and projected regulations as well as actions completed since the publication of the last regulatory agenda for the Department. DHS’s last semiannual regulatory agenda was published on August 26, 2020, at 85 FR 52715.

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Dated: September 4, 2020.

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## U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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268 .....	Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media ( <b>Reg Plan Seq No. 59</b> ).	1653-AA78

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U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT—COMPLETED ACTIONS

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Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
271 .....	Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) .....	1670-AA01

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

Office of the Secretary (OS)

Long-Term Actions

**246. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation, Enhancement of Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.  
*Legal Authority:* Sec. 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013, (Pub. L. 112–239, enacted January 2, 2013); 41 U.S.C. 1302(a)(2) and 1707  
*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to amend its Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) parts 3003 and 3052 to implement section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (Pub. L. 112–239, enacted January 2, 2013) for the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Section 827 of the NDAA for FY 2013 established enhancements to the Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees for all agencies subject to section 2409 of title 10, United States Code, which includes the USCG.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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20528, *Phone:* 202 447–0956, *Email:* nancy.harvey@hq.dhs.gov.  
*RIN:* 1601-AA72

**247. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Sensitive Information (HSAR Case 2015–001)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Fully or Partially Exempt.  
*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 301 to 302; 41 U.S.C. 1302, 1303 and 1707

*Abstract:* This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would implement security and privacy measures to ensure Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), such as Personally Identifiable Information (PII), is adequately safeguarded by DHS contractors. Specifically, the rule would define key terms, outline security requirements and inspection provisions for contractor information technology (IT) systems that store, process or transmit CUI, institute incident notification and response procedures, and identify post-incident credit monitoring requirements.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/19/17	82 FR 6429
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/20/17	
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	03/20/17	82 FR 14341
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	04/19/17	
Final Rule .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1601-AA76

**248. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Information Technology Security Awareness Training (HSAR Case 2015–002)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Fully or Partially Exempt.  
*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 41 U.S.C. 1707, 1302 and 1303

*Abstract:* This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would standardize information technology security awareness training and DHS Rules of Behavior requirements for contractor and subcontractor employees who access DHS information systems and information resources or contractor-owned and/or operated information systems and information resources capable of collecting, processing, storing, or transmitting controlled unclassified information (CUI).

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/19/17	82 FR 6446
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/20/17	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	03/20/17	82 FR 14341
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	04/19/17	
Final Rule .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1601-AA78

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**249. Removing H-4 Dependent Spouses From the Classes of Aliens Eligible for Employment Authorization**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.

*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 112; 8 U.S.C. 1103(a), 1184(a)(1) and 1324a(H)(3)(B)

*Abstract:* On February 25, 2015, DHS published a final rule that amended DHS regulations to extend eligibility for employment authorization to certain H-4 dependent spouses of H-1B nonimmigrant workers who are seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident (LPR) status. DHS is publishing this notice of proposed rulemaking to propose to remove from its regulations this class of aliens for eligibility for employment authorization.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/00/20	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1615-AC15

**250. Employment Authorization for Certain Classes of Aliens With Final Orders of Removal**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 43 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 1615-AC40

**251. Short-Term Extension for E-Verify Employers in the H-2A Program**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 107-296, sec. 116; 6 U.S.C. 112; 8 U.S.C. 1103(a), 1184(a)(1), and 1324a(h)(3)(B)

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security proposes to amend its regulations regarding short-term extensions for U.S. employers seeking temporary or seasonal agricultural nonimmigrant workers in the H-2A program to provide a short-term extension of the H-2A petition validity period by up to 2 weeks (14 days) to petitioning employers who are participants in good standing in E-Verify. The E-Verify petitioner may request the short-term extension at the time of the initial H-2A petition, or the petitioner may file a new H-2A petition to request the short-term extension. This proposal would allow H-2A workers to continue their H-2A employment for the same petitioner and under the same terms and conditions as the valid temporary labor certification and the H-2A petition without the requirement to obtain a new temporary labor certification from the Department of Labor.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/05/20	85 FR 62842
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/04/20	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

*Agency Contact:* Charles Nimick, Chief, Business and Foreign Workers Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Suite 4S190, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, *Phone:* 240 721-3000.

*RIN:* 1615-AC51

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Final Rule Stage

**252. Removal of International Entrepreneur Parole Program**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Regulatory. *Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C.

1182(d)(5)(A)

*Abstract:* On January 17, 2017, DHS published the International Entrepreneur Final Rule (the IE final rule) in the **Federal Register** at 82 FR 5238, with an original effective date of July 17, 2017. On May 29, 2018, DHS published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to remove the international entrepreneur parole program from DHS regulations and solicited public comments on the proposal.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	08/31/16	81 FR 60129
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/17/16	
Final Rule .....	01/17/17	82 FR 5238
Final Rule Delay of Effective Date.	07/11/17	82 FR 31887
Final Rule Effective.	07/17/17	
NPRM—Removal of International Entrepreneur Parole Program.	05/29/18	83 FR 24415
NPRM Comment Period End-Removal of International Entrepreneur Parole Program.	06/28/18	
Final Action—Removal of International Entrepreneur Parole Program.	12/00/20	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

*Agency Contact:* Charles Nimick, Chief, Business and Foreign Workers Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Suite 4S190, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, *Phone:* 240 721-3000.

*RIN:* 1615-AC04

**253. Collection and Use of Biometrics by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 46 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 1615-AC14

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Long-Term Actions

**254. Requirements for Filing Motions and Administrative Appeals**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.  
*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a; 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103 and 1304; 6 U.S.C. 112

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing this rule to improve the administration of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) appeals, motions, and certifications. The proposed changes would update and restructure the regulations in order to clarify and streamline the administrative review process, increase efficiency, and reflect the establishment of DHS and its components.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/00/21	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

*Agency Contact:* William K. Renwick, Jr., Branch Chief, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Administrative Appeals Office, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Suite 4S190, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, *Phone:* 202 721-3000.

*RIN:* 1615-AB98

**255. EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.  
*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5); Pub. L. 102-395, secs. 610 and 601(a); Pub. L. 107-273, sec. 11037; Pub. L. 101-649, sec. 121(a); Pub. L. 105-119, sec. 116; Pub. L. 106-396, sec. 402; Pub. L. 108-156, sec. 4; Pub. L. 112-176, sec. 1; Pub. L. 114-113, sec. 575; Pub. L. 114-53, sec. 131; Pub. L. 107-273

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is considering making regulatory changes to the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program. DHS issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to seek comment from the public on several topics, including: (1) The process for initially designating entities as regional centers, (2) a potential requirement for regional centers to utilize an exemplar filing process, (3) continued participation requirements for maintaining regional center designation; and (4) the process

for terminating regional center designation. While DHS has gathered some information related to these topics, the ANPRM sought additional information that can help the Department make operational and security updates to the Regional Center Program while minimizing the impact of such changes on regional center operations and EB-5 investors.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	01/11/17	82 FR 3211
ANPRM Comment Period End.	04/11/17	
NPRM .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

*Agency Contact:* Charles Nimick, Chief, Business and Foreign Workers Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Suite 4S190, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, *Phone:* 240 721-3000.

*RIN:* 1615-AC11

**256. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Regulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1356(m)  
*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) conducted a FY 2019/2020 fee review for its Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA), pursuant to the requirements of the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (CFO Act), 31 U.S.C. 901-03 and the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 286(m), 8 U.S.C. 1356(m). The CFO Act requires each agency's chief financial officer to "review, on a biennial basis, the fees, royalties, rents, and other charges imposed by the agency for services and things of value it provides, and make recommendations on revising those charges to reflect costs incurred by it in providing those services and things of value." As a result of the FY 2019/2020 IEFA fee review, and following full consideration of public comments, DHS published its final rule (85 FR 46788) on August 3, 2020 with an effective date of October 2, 2020.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/14/19	84 FR 62280
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	12/09/19	84 FR 67243

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/16/19	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	12/30/19	
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened.	01/24/20	85 FR 4243
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened End.	02/10/20	
Final Action .....	08/03/20	85 FR 46788
Correction .....	08/17/20	85 FR 49941
Correction .....	08/31/20	85 FR 53645
Final Action Effective.	10/02/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615-AC18

**257. Electronic Processing of USCIS Immigration Benefit Requests**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Deregulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 112; 8 U.S.C. 1103; 44 U.S.C. 3504

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will propose to: (1) Set requirements for mandatory-online submission for immigration benefit requests and explain the requirements associated with electronic processing; and (2) make changes to existing regulations to allow end-to-end digital processing.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/00/21	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615-AC20

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Completed Actions

**258. Removal of 30-Day Processing Provision for Asylum Applicant-Related Form I-765 Employment Authorization Applications**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Regulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1101 and 1103; Pub. L. 103-322; 8 U.S.C. 1105a; 8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153 and 1154; 8 U.S.C. 1182; 8 U.S.C. 1186a; 8 U.S.C. 1255; Pub. L. 113-4; 5 U.S.C. 801

*Abstract:* On September 9, 2019, DHS issued a proposed rule that would withdraw a regulatory provision stating that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has 30 days from the date an asylum applicant files the initial Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (EAD application) to grant or deny that initial employment authorization application. DHS also proposed removing the provision requiring that the application for renewal must be received by USCIS 90 days prior to the expiration of the employment authorization. DHS will issue a final rule to respond to public comments and finalize removal of these provisions.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/09/19	84 FR 47148
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/08/19	
Final Action .....	06/22/20	85 FR 37502
Final Action Effective.	08/21/20	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615-AC19

**259. Asylum Application, Interview, and Employment Authorization for Applicants**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Regulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1158(d)(2)  
*Abstract:* On November 14, 2019, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposed regulatory amendments intended to promote greater accountability in the application process for requesting employment authorization and to deter the fraudulent filing of asylum applications

for the purpose of obtaining Employment Authorization Documents (EADs). DHS is considering public comments in development of the final rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/14/19	84 FR 62374
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/13/20	
Final Action .....	06/26/20	85 FR 38532
Final Action Effective.	08/25/20	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

*Agency Contact:* Maureen A. Dunn, Chief, Humanitarian Affairs Division, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Suite 4S190, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, *Phone:* 240 721-3000.

*RIN:* 1615-AC27

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**260. • Lifejacket Approval Harmonization**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Deregulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 3306(a); 46 U.S.C. 3306(b); 46 U.S.C. 4102(a); 46 U.S.C. 4102(b); 46 U.S.C. 4302(a); 46 U.S.C. 4502(a); 46 U.S.C. 4502(c)(2)(B)

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard proposes to amend the lifejacket approval requirements and follow-up program requirements by incorporating three new bi-national standards. At the same time, the Coast Guard proposes to amend lifejacket and personal flotation devices (PFD) carriage requirements to allow for the use of equipment approved to the new standards, and to remove obsolete equipment approval requirements. The new standards are state-of-the-art and are intended to replace the legacy standards. The proposed amendments will streamline the process for approval of PFDs and allow manufacturers the opportunity to produce more innovative equipment that meets the approval requirements of both Canada and the United States, while reducing the burden for manufacturers in both the approval process and follow-up program.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/00/20	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1625-AC62

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)*

Long-Term Actions

**261. Claims Procedures Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (USCG-2004-17697)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Regulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 2713 and 2714

*Abstract:* The purpose of this project is to remove superseded regulations at 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 135, and to finalize the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA'90) claims procedures at 33 CFR part 136. The OPA'90 claims procedures, implementing OPA'90 section 1013 (Claims Procedures) and section 1014 (Designation of Source and Advertisement), were established by an interim rule, titled "Claims under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990" (Interim Rule) that has not been substantively amended since it was published in 1992. This rulemaking supports the Coast Guard's strategic goal of protection of natural resources.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/12/92	57 FR 36314
Correction .....	09/09/92	57 FR 41104
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	12/10/92	
Notice of Inquiry ..	11/01/11	76 FR 67385
Notice of Inquiry Comment Period End.	01/30/12	
NPRM .....	11/00/21	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1625-AA03

**262. Commercial Fishing Vessels—Implementation of 2010 and 2012 Legislation**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.  
*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 4502 and 5103; Pub. L. 111-281

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard proposes to implement those requirements of 2010 and 2012 legislation that pertain to uninspected commercial fishing industry vessels and that took effect upon enactment of the legislation but that, to be implemented, require amendments to Coast Guard regulations affecting those vessels. The applicability of the regulations is being changed, and new requirements are being added to safety training, equipment, vessel examinations, vessel safety standards, the documentation of maintenance, and the termination of unsafe operations. This rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's maritime safety mission.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/21/16	81 FR 40437
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	08/15/16	81 FR 53986
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/19/16	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	12/18/16	
Final Rule .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1625-AB85

**263. Financial Responsibility—Vessels; Superseded Pollution Funds (USCG-2017-0788)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Not subject to, not significant.

*Legal Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 2704; 33 U.S.C. 2716 and 2716a; 42 U.S.C. 9607 to 9609; 6 U.S.C. 552; E.O. 12580; sec. 7(b), 3 CFR, 1987; Comp., p. 193; E.O. 12777, secs. 4 and 5, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351, as amended by E.O. 13286, sec. 89, 3; 3 CFR, 2004 Comp., p. 166, and by E.O. 13638, sec. 1, 3 CFR, 2014 Comp., p. 227; Department of Homeland; Security Delegation Nos. 0170.1 and 5110, Revision 01

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard proposes to amend its rule on vessel financial responsibility to include tank vessels greater than 100 gross tons, to clarify and strengthen the rule's reporting requirements, to conform its rule to current practice, and to remove two superseded regulations. This rulemaking will ensure the Coast Guard has current information when there are significant changes in a vessel's operation, ownership, or evidence of financial responsibility, and reflect current best practices in the Coast Guard's management of the Certificate of Financial Responsibility Program. This rulemaking will also promote the Coast Guard's missions of maritime stewardship, maritime security, and maritime safety.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/13/20	85 FR 28802
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/11/20	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)*

Final Rule Stage

**264. Implementation of the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program (Section 610 Review)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Fully or Partially Exempt.

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 110-229, sec. 702

*Abstract:* The interim final rule amends Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations to implement section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA). This law extends the immigration laws of the United States to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and provides for a joint visa waiver program for travel to Guam and the CNMI. This rule

implements section 702 of the CNRA by amending the regulations to replace the current Guam Visa Waiver Program with a new Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. The amended regulations set forth the requirements for nonimmigrant visitors who seek admission for business or pleasure and solely for entry into and stay on Guam or the CNMI without a visa. This rule also establishes six ports of entry in the CNMI for purposes of administering and enforcing the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. Section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA), subject to a transition period, extends the immigration laws of the United States to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and provides for a visa waiver program for travel to Guam and/or the CNMI. On January 16, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued an interim final rule in the **Federal Register** replacing the then-existing Guam Visa Waiver Program with the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and setting forth the requirements for nonimmigrant visitors seeking admission into Guam and/or the CNMI under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. As of November 28, 2009, the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program is operational. This program allows nonimmigrant visitors from eligible countries to seek admission for business or pleasure for entry into Guam and/or the CNMI without a visa for a period of authorized stay not to exceed 45 days. This rulemaking would finalize the January 2009 interim final rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/16/09	74 FR 2824
Interim Final Rule Effective.	01/16/09	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	03/17/09	
Technical Amendment; Change of Implementation Date.	05/28/09	74 FR 25387
Final Action .....	10/00/21	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* No.

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*RIN:* 1651-AA77

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)*

Long-Term Actions

**265. Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements (Section 610 Review)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Regulatory.  
*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 109–347, sec. 203; 5 U.S.C. 301; 19 U.S.C. 66; 19 U.S.C. 1431; 19 U.S.C. 1433 and 1434; 19 U.S.C. 1624; 19 U.S.C. 2071 (note); 46 U.S.C. 60105

*Abstract:* This final rule implements the provisions of section 203 of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006. On November 25, 2008, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published an interim final rule (CBP Dec. 08–46) in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 71730), that finalized most of the provisions proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. It requires carrier and importers to provide to CBP, via a CBP approved electronic data interchange system, certain advance information pertaining to cargo brought into the United States by vessel to enable CBP to identify high-risk shipments to prevent smuggling and ensure cargo safety and security. The interim final rule did not finalize six data elements that were identified as areas of potential concern for industry during the rulemaking process and, for which, CBP provided some type of flexibility for compliance with those data elements. CBP solicited public comment on these six data elements and also invited comments on the revised Regulatory Assessment and Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. (See 73 FR 71782–85 for regulatory text and 73 CFR 71733–34 for general discussion.) The remaining requirements of the rule were adopted as final.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/02/08	73 FR 90
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/03/08	
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	02/01/08	73 FR 6061
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/18/08	
Interim Final Rule	11/25/08	73 FR 71730
Interim Final Rule Effective.	01/26/09	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	06/01/09	
Correction .....	07/14/09	74 FR 33920
Correction .....	12/24/09	74 FR 68376

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1651–AA70

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**266. Visa Security Program Fee**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.  
*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1356  
*Abstract:* ICE seeks to enable the expansion of the Visa Security Program (VSP) by proposing to move it to a user-fee funded model (as opposed to relying on appropriations). The VSP leverages resources in the National Capital Region (NCR) and at U.S. diplomatic posts overseas to vet and screen visa applicants; identifies and prevents the travel of those who constitute potential national security and/or public safety threats; and launches investigations into criminal and/or terrorist affiliated networks operating in the U.S. and abroad. The fees collected as a result of this rule would fund an expansion of the VSP, enabling ICE to extend visa security screening and vetting operations and investigative efforts to more visa-issuing posts overseas, and in turn, enhance the U.S. government’s ability to prevent travel to the United States by illicit actors.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/00/21	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1653–AA77

**267. Adjusting Program Fees for the Student and Exchange Visitor Program**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 57 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 1653–AA81

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)*

Final Rule Stage

**268. Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 59 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 1653–AA78

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)*

Completed Actions

**269. Procedures and Standards for Declining Surety Immigration Bonds and Administrative Appeal Requirement for Breaches**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Not subject to, not significant.

*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1103

*Abstract:* U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is establishing standards and procedures ICE will follow before making a determination to stop accepting immigration bonds posted by a surety company that has been certified to issue bonds by the Department of the Treasury when the company does not cure deficient performance. Treasury administers the Federal corporate surety program and, in its current regulations, allows agencies to prescribe “for cause” standards and procedures for declining to accept new bonds from Treasury-certified sureties. ICE will also require surety companies seeking to overturn a breach determination to file an administrative appeal raising all legal and factual defenses.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/05/18	83 FR 25951
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/06/18	



Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action .....	07/31/20	85 FR 45968

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**270. Ammonium Nitrate Security Program**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 62 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 1670-AA00

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)*

Long-Term Actions

**271. Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Standards (CFATS)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Other.  
*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 621 to 629  
*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) previously invited public comment on an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for potential revisions to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulations. The ANPRM provided an opportunity for the public to provide recommendations for possible program changes. Taking into consideration the comments received, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has determined to limit the scope of this rulemaking to improving Appendix A to the CFATS regulations and address concerns with release-flammable security issues. Additionally, in June 2020, CISA published a notice announcing the availability of a retrospective analysis of the data, assumptions, and methodology

that were used to support the 2007 CFATS interim final rule and providing the public an opportunity to provide comment. Once the comment period closes, CISA intends to determine the next appropriate step for this rulemaking.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	08/18/14	79 FR 48693
ANPRM Comment Period End.	10/17/14	
NPRM .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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