Economic Injury Disaster Loans to provide working capital for small businesses, private nonprofits, and small agricultural enterprises who suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to help small businesses retain their employees during the economic downturn caused by the pandemic as well as to help businesses cover a portion of their standard operating expenses during the pandemic. SBA has received more than 18 million loan applications and more than 10 million PPP loan applications, and a small percentage of those applications may be a result of identity theft. In an effort to ensure SBA is taking the appropriate action for individuals who have indicated they have been the victim of identity theft, the individual will need to provide an affidavit to SBA indicating no in-quota imports for the United Kingdom (UK).

For 2021, the U.S. Trade Representative is modifying the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) to divide certain U.S. tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) currently allocated to the European Union (EU), between the EU and the United Kingdom (UK).

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Supplementary information: On October 17, 2019, the UK and EU agreed to the withdrawal of the UK from the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement). As part of the Withdrawal Agreement, the UK and EU agreed to a transition period, which ended on December 31, 2020.

For 2021, the U.S. Trade Representative determined that the UK would continue to be eligible to export under U.S. TRQs allocated to the EU under Additional U.S. Notes 6, 16 to 23, and 25 to Chapter 4 and Additional U.S. Note 5(a) to Chapter 24 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). See Information on 2021 Tariff-Rate Quotas for Exports From the United Kingdom (86 FR 8676).

Beginning in 2022, the U.S. Trade Representative has decided to divide the TRQs allocated to the EU under Additional U.S. Notes 6 and 16 to 18 to Chapter 4 and Additional U.S. Note 5(a) to Chapter 24 of the HTSUS between the EU and the UK according to the average percentage of in-quota imports for the 2013–2015 period and has determined that the UK will have access to a specific in-quota quantity under these notes. The UK otherwise will be eligible to export under U.S. TRQs for Additional U.S. Notes 19 to 23 and 25 to Chapter 4 under the quantities allocated to ‘other countries or areas.’

Further, to recognize the departure of the UK from the EU, as well as the 2013 accession of Croatia to the EU, the U.S. Trade Representative has modified the definition of the “EU 27” as set out in Note 2 to Chapter 4 to exclude the UK and to include Croatia. The U.S. Trade Representative also has modified the countries listed in the parenthetical definition as part of the European Community in Note 5(a) of Chapter 24 to exclude the UK and listed the UK as a separate country in this note.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a TRQ for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas and to modify any allocation as determined appropriate by the President. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2463), authorizes the President to embody in the HTSUS the substance of the relevant provisions of that Act, and of other acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

In paragraph (3) of Proclamation 6763 of December 23, 1994, the President delegated this authority under section 404(d)(3) of the URAA to the U.S. Trade Representative. In paragraph (2) of Proclamation 6914 of August 26, 1996, the President determined that it is appropriate to authorize the U.S. Trade Representative to exercise the authority under section 604 of the Trade Act to embody in the HTSUS the substance of any action taken by the USTR under section 404(d)(3) of the URAA.

Modification of the HTSUS

Effective with respect to articles entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2022:

1. Additional U.S. Note 2 to Chapter 4 of the HTSUS is modified by: (a) Inserting “Croatia,” into the list of countries in alphabetical order; and (b) deleting “the Slovak Republic, Sweden or the United Kingdom” and inserting “the Slovak Republic or Sweden” in lieu thereof.

2. Additional U.S. Note 16 to Chapter 4 of the HTSUS is modified by: (a) Inserting “United Kingdom” into the list of countries in alphabetical order; (b) inserting a quota quantity of “2,213,374” in the Quantity (kg) column for the United Kingdom; (c) deleting the quantity “27,846,224” in the Quantity (kg) column for the EU27; and (d)
have access to a quantity of not less than 82,099 kilograms.

Nora Todd,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Application and Reporting Elements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on April 7, 2021.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Application and Reporting Elements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0525.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Background: The Maritime Security Act of 2003 extended under Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112–239 provides for the enrollment of qualified vessels in the Maritime Security Program. Applications and amendments are used to select vessels for the fleet. Periodic reporting is used to monitor adherence of contractors to program parameters.

Respondent: Vessel Operators.
AFFECTED PUBLIC: Business or other for profit.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 212.
Frequency of Collection: Monthly/Annually.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 1–6 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 308.

Public Comments Invited: Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.


By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education Annual Applications for Designation

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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