portions of the Great Lakes, and several other navigable waterways around the United States. The Proposed Action includes the acquisition and operation of a planned 30 WCCs to replace the capabilities of the existing inland tender fleet, thereby enabling the safe navigation of waters that support the nation’s economy through maritime commerce throughout the Marine Transportation System.

Following publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a PEIS on April 19, 2021 (86 FR 20376), the Coast Guard held a public meeting on May 11, 2021 (86 FR 22444, April 28,2021), and then prepared a Draft PEIS in accordance with NEPA, as implemented by the CEQ Regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq.); DHS Directive Number 023–01, Rev. 01 and Instruction 023–01–001, Rev. 01; and Coast Guard Commandant Instruction 5090.1. On September 24, 2021, the Coast Guard published a Notice of Availability (NOA) and a request for comments on the Draft PEIS (86 FR 53088). The Coast Guard considered and addressed in the Final PEIS comments received on the Draft PEIS during the comment period. Public comments did not result in substantive revisions or additions to the Draft PEIS. Responses to comments are in Appendix G of the Final PEIS.

On March 18, 2022, a NOA of the Final PEIS published in the Federal Register (87 FR 15443) initiating a 30-day opportunity to object. The Coast Guard received two comments in support of selecting the preferred alternative and did not receive any eligible objections. The Final ROD documents the rationale for approving the Final PEIS and is consistent with the Reviewing Officer’s instructions.

Responsible Official: The Responsible Official for approving the Final ROD is Mr. Aaron Pagnotti, Program Manager, who signed the ROD on April 22, 2022.

Dated: April 22, 2022.

Aaron Pagnotti,
Waterways Commerce Cutter Program Manager.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is renewing the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test, a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning ACE export manifest capability.

DATES: The voluntary pilot initially began on August 20, 2015, as corrected on October 20, 2015, and modified and extended on August 14, 2017. The renewed test will run for an additional two years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Applications for new participants in the ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test must be submitted via email to CBP Export Manifest at cbpexportmanifest@cbp.dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email, please write “ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test Application”. Applications will be accepted at any time during the test period. Written comments concerning program, policy, and technical issues may also be submitted via email to CBP Export Manifest at cbpexportmanifest@cbp.dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email, please write “Comment on ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test”. Comments may be submitted at any time during the test period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Semeraro, Branch Chief, or David Garcia, Program Manager, Outbound Enforcement and Policy Branch, Office of Field Operations, CBP, via email at cbpexportmanifest@cbp.dhs.gov, or by telephone, 202–344–3277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the current regulatory requirements, the complete manifest is generally not required to be submitted until after the departure of the vessel. See sections 4.75, 4.76, and 4.84 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 4.75, 4.76 and 4.84). The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test is a voluntary test in which participants agree to submit export manifest data to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) electronically at least twenty-four hours prior to loading of the cargo onto the vessel in preparation for departure from the United States. The ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test is authorized under 19 CFR 101.9(b), which provides for the testing of National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) programs or procedures.

II. Brief Description of Test

The ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test examines the functionality of filing export manifest data for vessel cargo electronically in ACE. ACE creates a single automated export processing platform for certain export manifest, commodity, licensing, export control, and export targeting transactions. This will reduce costs for CBP, partner government agencies, and the trade community, as well as improve facilitation of export shipments through the supply chain.

The ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test also assesses the feasibility of requiring the manifest information to be filed electronically in ACE within a specified time before the cargo is loaded on the vessel. This capability will enhance CBP’s ability to calculate the risk and effectively identify and inspect shipments prior to the loading of cargo in order to facilitate compliance with U.S. export laws.

CBP announced the procedures and criteria related to participation in the ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test in a notice published in the Federal Register on August 20, 2015 (80 FR 50644). This test was originally scheduled to run for approximately two years. A correction to the notice, regarding the technical capability requirements, was published on October 20, 2015 (80 FR 63575). On August 14, 2017, CBP extended the test period (82 FR 37890). At that time, CBP also modified the original notice to make certain data elements optional and opened the test to accept additional applications for all parties who met the eligibility requirements. Through this notice, CBP is renewing the test.

The data elements, unless noted otherwise, are mandatory. Data elements which are mandatory must be provided to CBP for every shipment. Data elements which are marked “conditional” must be provided to CBP only if the particular information pertains to the cargo. Data elements which are marked “optional” may be provided to CBP but are not required to be completed. The data elements are set forth below:

(1) Mode of Transportation (containerized vessel cargo or noncontainerized vessel cargo)
(2) Name of Ship or Vessel
(3) Nationality of Ship
(4) Name of Master (optional)
(5) Port of Loading
(6) Port of Discharge
(7) Bill of Lading Number (Master and House)
(8) Bill of Lading Type (Master, House, Simple, Sub)
(9) Number of House Bills of Lading (optional)
II. Renewal of the ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test Period

CBP will renew the test for another two years to continue evaluating the ACE Export Manifest for Vessel Cargo Test. This will assist CBP in determining whether electronic submission of manifests will allow for improvements in the functionality and capabilities at the departure level. The renewed test will run for two additional years from the date of publication.

III. Applicability of Initial Test Notice

All provisions in the August 20, 2015 notice, as corrected by the October 20, 2015 notice, and in the August 14, 2017 modification and extension remain applicable, subject to the time period provided in this renewal.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3507), an agency may not conduct, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The collections of information in this NCAP test have been approved by OMB in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned OMB control number 1651–0001.

Pete Flores,
Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test: Renewal of Test

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is renewing the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test, a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning ACE export manifest capability.

DATES: The voluntary pilot initially began on September 9, 2015, and it was modified and extended on August 14, 2017. The renewed test will run for an additional two years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Applications for new participants in the ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test must be submitted via email to CBP Export Manifest at cbpexportmanifest@cbp.dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email, please write “ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test Application”. Applications will be accepted at any time during the test period. Written comments concerning program, policy, and technical issues may also be submitted via email to CBP Export Manifest at cbpexportmanifest@cbp.dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email, please write “Comment on ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test”.

Comments may be submitted at any time during the test period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Semeraro, Branch Chief, for David Garcia, Program Manager, Outbound Enforcement and Policy Branch, Office of Field Operations, CBP, via email at cbpexportmanifest@cbp.dhs.gov, or by telephone, 202–325–3277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test is a voluntary test in which participants agree to submit export manifest data to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) electronically at least two hours prior to loading of the cargo onto the rail car, in preparation for departure from the United States or, for empty rail cars, upon assembly of the train. The ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test is authorized under § 101.9(b) of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 101.9(b)), which provides for the testing of National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) programs or procedures.

The ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test examines the functionality of filing export manifest data for rail cargo electronically in ACE. ACE creates a single automated export processing platform for certain export manifest, commodity, licensing, export control, and export targeting transactions. This will reduce costs for CBP, partner government agencies, and the trade community, as well as improve facilitation of export shipments through the supply chain.

The ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test also assesses the feasibility of requiring the manifest information to be filed electronically in ACE within a specified time before the cargo is loaded on the train. This capability will enhance CBP’s ability to calculate the risk and effectively identify and inspect shipments prior to the loading of cargo in order to facilitate compliance with U.S. export laws.

CBP announced the procedures and criteria related to participation in the ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test in a notice published in the Federal Register on September 9, 2015 (80 FR 54305). This test was originally scheduled to run for approximately two years. On August 14, 2017, CBP extended the test period (82 FR 37893). At that time, CBP also modified the original notice to make certain data elements optional and opened the test to accept additional applications for all parties who met the eligibility criteria related to participation in the test.