

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: Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS).

OMB Number: 1651-0019.

Form Number: CBP Form 1300.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Abstract: CBP Form 1300, Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement, is used to collect essential commercial vessel data at time of formal entrance and clearance in U.S. ports, allows the master to attest to the truthfulness of all CBP forms associated with the manifest package, and collects relevant information about the vessel and cargo. The form was developed through agreement by the United Nations Intergovernmental Maritime Organization (IMO) in conjunction with the United States and various other countries. The form was developed as a single form to replace the numerous other forms used by various countries for the entrance and clearance of vessels. CBP Form 1300 is authorized by 5 U.S.C. 301, and 19 U.S.C. 66, 1415, 1624, 2071, 1431, 1433, and 1434, as well as 46 U.S.C. 501, 60105 and provided for by 19 CFR 4. This form is accessible at: <http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=1300&=Apply>.

This form is currently submitted in paper format and is anticipated to be submitted electronically as part of CBP's efforts to automate maritime forms through the Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS), which will reduce the need for paper submission of

any vessel entrance or clearance requirements under the above referenced statutes and regulations. VECS will still collect and maintain the same data as CBP Form 1300 but will automate the capture of data to reduce or eliminate redundancy with other data collected by CBP.

Respondents are enabled to create a new ACE Account type for Vessel Agencies through the ACE Portal. The new account type within ACE will operate as a portal that leads to the Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS), which will run as its own independent system.

Vessel Agents will be required to provide identifying information such as; their name, their employer identification number (EIN), company address, and their phone numbers, which will be requested at the time Vessel Agents apply for the new ACE account type.

After creating an ACE account, Vessel Agencies, Vessel Operating Common Carriers (VOCCs), and their designees are able to use the new Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS) as part of the ongoing pilot program to test the functionality of VECS, and will be able to file vessel entrance, clearance, and related data to CBP electronically.

CBP is currently running a small public VECS Pilot on several ports. VECS will automate and digitize the collection and processing of the data and filing requirements for which the CBP Form 1300 is used. CBP plans to run an initial public pilot to test the system. All users who obtained a Vessel Agency Account through the ACE Portal will be automatically enrolled into the VECS public pilot. Initially, the pilot began at one of eleven ports where VECS was previously internally tested. CBP is providing training to each CBP port and the Vessel Agency personnel at each port, prior to beginning/expanding the public pilot in another port.

The VECS public pilot will continue to expand to additional ports, in an effort to progressively test and implement the system nationwide. There will be no change to the paper format of CBP Form 1300, and CBP Form 1300 in paper format will continue to be accepted.

New Submission

The VECS Pilot will be live for 51 port codes as of August 2023 enabling fully electronic processing of vessel entrance and clearance. The public pilot has allowed CBP to identify areas for additional enhancement and automation, fix minor errors with the system's operation, and simultaneously deploy to new locations while

continuing to test fixes and new capabilities. VECS pilot will continue to expand to other port codes while implementing training for port staff.

Type of Information Collection: CBP Form 1300.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,624.

Estimated Number of Annual

Responses per Respondent: 72.

Estimated Number of Total Annual

Responses: 188,928.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes (0.5 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 94,464.

Dated: August 25, 2023.

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Branch Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[Docket No. USCBP-2023-0021]

Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Committee management; notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. The meeting will be open to the public via webinar only. There is no on-site, in-person option for the public to attend this quarterly meeting.

DATES: The COAC will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than September 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be open to the public via webinar only. The webinar link and conference number will be posted by 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 19, 2023, at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac/coac-public-meetings>. For information or to request special assistance for the meeting, contact Ms. Latoria Martin, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, at (202) 344-1440 as soon as possible. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for Docket Number USCBP-2023-0021. To submit a comment, click the “Comment” button located on the top left-hand side of the docket page.

- *Email:* tradeevents@cbp.dhs.gov. Include Docket Number USCBP-2023-0021 in the subject line of the message.

Comments must be submitted in writing no later than September 15, 2023, and must be identified by Docket No. USCBP-2023-0021. All submissions received must also include the words “Department of Homeland Security.” All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac/coac-public-meetings> and www.regulations.gov. Therefore, please refrain from including any personal information you do not wish to be posted. You may wish to view the Privacy and Security Notice, which is available via a link on www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Latoria Martin, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.5A, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 344-1440; or Ms. Felicia M. Pullam, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 344-1440 or via email at tradeevents@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, title 5 U.S.C. ch. 10. The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) provides advice to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on matters pertaining to the commercial operations of CBP and related functions within the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Treasury.

The COAC is committed to ensuring that all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require a reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate, please contact Ms. Latoria Martin at (202) 344-1440 as soon as possible.

Please feel free to share this information with other interested members of your organization or association.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues the committee will consider prior to the formulation of recommendations as listed in the AGENDA section below.

There will be multiple public comment periods held during the meeting on September 20, 2023. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to two minutes or less to facilitate greater participation. Please note that the public comment period for speakers may end before the time indicated on the schedule that is posted on the CBP web page: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac>.

Agenda

The COAC will hear from the current subcommittees on the topics listed below:

1. The Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee will provide updates on the work completed and topics discussed in its working groups. The Antidumping/Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD) Working Group will provide updates regarding its work and discussions on importer compliance with AD/CVD requirements. The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Process Modernization Working Group will report on, and anticipates providing recommendations for the committee's consideration relating to, the development of a portal on the CBP IPR web page and other enhancements in communications between CBP, rights holders, and the trade community regarding enforcement actions. The Bond Working Group will report on the ongoing discussions and status updates for eBond requirements. The Forced Labor Working Group (FLWG) has been working on the implementation of recommendations and updates, as well as revisions to its statement of work. The FLWG will also provide updates and anticipates making recommendations for the committee's consideration at the September public meeting.

2. The Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee will provide updates on its working groups. There will be an update and potential recommendations for the committee's consideration from the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) 2.0 Working Group regarding progress on the ACE 2.0 initiative resulting from the working group's recent in-person sessions held to review the CBP ACE 2.0 Concept of Operations processes. The Customs Interagency Industry Working Group (CII) (formerly the One U.S. Government Working Group) will provide an update on the work accomplished this quarter, which includes discussions with Partner Government Agencies and an update on ACE 2.0. The Passenger Air Operations (PAO) Working Group has been focusing its discussions on CBP

security seal processing and access to international aircraft and passengers, landing rights, and elimination of outdated or obsolete forms, and will provide an update on those discussions.

3. The Rapid Response Subcommittee will provide updates from the Broker Modernization Working Group and the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Chapter 7 Working Group. The Broker Modernization Working Group currently meets monthly and continues to focus on the 19 CFR part 111 final rules relating to Modernization of the Customs Broker Regulations and Continuing Education for Licensed Customs Brokers, as well as Customs Broker Licensing Exams matters. The subcommittee anticipates the Broker Modernization Working Group will provide one recommendation for the committee's consideration. The USMCA Chapter 7 Working Group meets bi-weekly with the expectation that recommendations will be developed and submitted for consideration at an upcoming COAC public meeting. The current focus of this working group is to review the Chapter 7 articles of the USMCA and identify gaps in implementation between the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

4. The Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee will provide updates on its five active working groups: the Export Modernization Working Group, the In-Bond Working Group, the Trade Partnership and Engagement Working Group, the Pipeline Working Group, and the Cross-Border Recognition Working Group. The Export Modernization Working Group has continued its work on the electronic export manifest pilot program. The In-Bond Working Group has continued its focus on the implementation of previously submitted recommendations. The Trade Partnership and Engagement Working Group has focused its work on implementing previous recommendations for Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) Trade Compliance partners and is working to update its statement of work to include CTPAT security. The Pipeline Working Group expects to submit a recommendation for the committee's consideration that CBP develop a pilot to use Distributed Ledger Technology to enhance transparency in supply chains for pipeline-borne goods. Although the Cross-Border Recognition Working Group did not meet this quarter, it remains an active working group within the subcommittee and will resume meetings next quarter.

Meeting materials will be available by September 11, 2023, at: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac/coac-public-meetings>.

Dated: August 25, 2023.

Felicia M. Pullam,
Executive Director, Office of Trade Relations.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2023-0024]

Homeland Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) will hold a public in-person meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The meeting will be open to the public via teleconference.

DATES: The meeting will take place from 02 p.m. ET to 04:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Please note that the meeting may end early if the Council has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The HSAC meeting will be held at DHS St. Elizabeths Campus in Washington, DC. Members of the public interested in participating may do so via teleconference by following the process outlined below. The public will be in listen-only mode except for the public comment portion of the meeting.

Written comments must be submitted by 05 p.m. ET on September 13, 2023.

Comments must be identified by Docket No. DHS-2023-0024 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** HSAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include Docket No. DHS-2023-0024 in the subject line of the message.

• **Mail:** Rebecca Sternhell, Acting Executive Director of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, Office of Partnership and Engagement, Mailstop 0385, Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20032.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and "DHS-2023-0024", the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You

may wish to review the Privacy and Security Notice found via a link on the homepage of www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received by the Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, search "DHS-2023-0024," "Open Docket Folder" to view the comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Sternhell, Acting Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council at 202-891-2876 or HSAC@hq.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1009, which requires each FACA committee meeting to be open to the public unless the President, or the head of the agency to which the advisory committee reports, determines that a portion of the meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

The HSAC provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, actionable advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Council consists of senior executives from government, the private sector, academia, law enforcement, and non-governmental organizations. The open session will include: (1) Remarks from Senior DHS leaders, (2) Introduction and swearing in of a new member, (3) briefings, public comment, HSAC member deliberation, and voting on the four draft reports from the DHS Workforce; Alternatives to Detention; Homeland Security Grant Program Review; and the Artificial Intelligence-Mission Focused subcommittees. The Council was tasked to create these subcommittees on March 27, 2023. The taskings can be found on the HSAC website at www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-advisory-council. The HSAC will also receive updates on previous recommendations it has submitted to the Secretary.

Members of the public will be in listen-only mode except during the public comment session. Members of the public may register to participate in this Council meeting via teleconference under the following procedures. Each individual must provide their full legal name and email address no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, to Rebecca Sternhell, Acting Executive Director of the Homeland Security Advisory Council via email to HSAC@hq.dhs.gov or via phone at 202-891-2876. Members of the public who have registered to participate will be provided the teleconference call-in

number, meeting agenda, and the four draft subcommittee reports after the closing of the public registration period and prior to the start of the meeting. For more information about the HSAC, please visit our website: <https://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-advisory-council>.

For information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance, please email HSAC@hq.dhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, September 7, 2023 or call 202-891-2876. The HSAC is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require a reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate, please contact Rebecca Sternhell at 202-891-2876 or HSAC@hq.dhs.gov as soon as possible.

Dated: August 24, 2023.

Rebecca Sternhell,

Acting Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7071-N-10]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Housing Counseling Homeownership Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity (HI NOFO); OMB Control No.: 2502-NEW

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection can be submitted within 60 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 60-day Review—Open