

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Bureau of Customs and Border Protection****Agency Information Collection Activities: Drawback Process Regulations**

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security has submitted 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: Drawback Process Regulations. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 70283) on December 17, 2003, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component,

including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

Title: Drawback Process Regulations.

OMB Number: 1651-0075.

Form Number: Forms CBP-7551, 7552, 7553.

Abstract: The information is to be used by CBP officers to expedite the filing and processing of drawback claims, while maintaining necessary enforcement information to maintain effective administrative oversight over the drawback program.

Current Actions: This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date with no change to the burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 11 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 90,000.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$3,098,405.86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracey Denning, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229, at 202-927-1429.

Dated: March 9, 2004.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-49]

Delegation of Authority Under Section 550 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner certain authority provided to the Secretary under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Golrick, Office of Housing, Room 6112, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone (202) 708-2495 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. chapter 10) (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services to dispose of surplus federal property to states, their political subdivisions or instrumentalities, and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing self-help housing to low-income individuals. The Act also authorizes the Secretary to enforce and revise instruments that provide for the transfer of the property. These responsibilities are being delegated by the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates the authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner the Secretary's authority under section 550 of the Act (40 U.S.C. 484) to (1) recommend surplus federal real property to the Administrator of General Services as needed for providing housing or housing assistance for low-income persons, (2) take all steps reasonably necessary to sell and lease surplus federal property for that purpose, including fixing sale or lease value, and (3) develop, enforce, and revise instruments transferring such property.

Section B. Authority to Redelegate

The Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner is authorized to redelegate to employees of the Department the authority delegated under Section A.

Authority: Section 550 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 484), and section 7(d) of the

Department of Housing and Urban
Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: March 9, 2004.

Alphonso Jackson,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Control Number 1018-0092, Applications for Permits/Licenses

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) will submit the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. If you wish to obtain copies of the information collection requirements, related forms, or explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or telephone number listed below.

DATES: We will accept comments until May 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail your comments on this information collection renewal request to Anissa Craghead, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ms 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; or e-mail Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirements, related forms, or explanatory material, contact Anissa Craghead at telephone number (703) 358-2445, or electronically at Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)).

We will submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information included in Form 3-200-1, the general permit application form;

Form 3-200-2, Designated Port Exception permit application form; and Form 3-200-3, Import/Export license application form. The current OMB control number for all three of these forms is 1018-0092, and the OMB approval for this collection of information expires on July 31, 2004. We are requesting a three year term of approval for this information collection activity. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) makes it unlawful to import or export fish, wildlife, or plants without obtaining prior permission as deemed necessary for enforcing the Act or upholding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (*see* 16 U.S.C. 1538(e)).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Form 3-200-1, Permit Application Form, is the general application form for all permitted activities authorized by the Service. In the interest of making the application process simpler for the public, we have previously modified the format of the first page of Form 3-200, creating a sequence of forms such as Form 3-200-1, 3-200-2, 3-200-3, *etc.* This enables the public to use a specific application form when requesting permission to conduct a certain otherwise unauthorized activity. Each specific application form contains questions that are specific to the requested activity. This makes the application process easier for the public by eliminating the need to use one application form, with standard questions, to apply for any number of otherwise unauthorized activities, many of which are distinctly different from one another and could not be adequately or fairly evaluated using standard questions. In the above mentioned sequence of forms, the general Permit Application Form is designated as Form 3-200-1. Since this form has been modified for applications for specific activities as described above, it is rarely, if ever used by itself. Therefore, the annual responses and the annual burden hours resulting from the use of this form are essentially zero. Though this form is rarely, if ever, used by itself, we intend to maintain this form in the event that a general permit application form is needed at some point in the future for an unanticipated activity, one that was not provided for in the development of the sequence of forms described above.

The Service's Form 3-200-2, Designated Port Exception permit

application form is the application form to request an import or export of wildlife or wildlife products at a port other than a port designated in 50 CFR 14.12. Title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 14.11 (50 CFR 14.11) makes it unlawful to import or export wildlife or wildlife products at a port other than a designated port listed in 50 CFR 14.12, unless you qualify for one of the exceptions that allow you to import or export your wildlife or wildlife products at a different port. These exceptions allow you to import or export wildlife or wildlife products at a non designated port for the following reasons: (1) For use as scientific specimens; (2) to minimize deterioration or loss; and (3) to relieve economic hardship. We recognize the limitations that the requirement to use a designated port may place on certain individuals, businesses or scientific organizations. The issuance of a Designated Port Exception permit can relieve these limitations for certain qualified individuals, businesses or scientific organizations.

The Service's Form 3-200-3, Import/Export license application form, is the application form to request an import/export license. Title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 14.11 (50 CFR 14.91) makes it unlawful to import or export wildlife or wildlife products for commercial purposes without first having obtained an import/export license. We use the information obtained from Form 3-200-3 as an enforcement tool and management aid in monitoring the international wildlife market and detecting trends and changes in the commercial trade of wildlife and wildlife products. Import/export licensees are required to maintain detailed records of each importation or exportation of wildlife or wildlife products made under the import/export license, and the ultimate destination of these wildlife or wildlife products. In addition, licensees are required to make these records and the corresponding inventory of wildlife or wildlife products available for our inspection at reasonable times, subject to applicable limitations of law. This authority allows us to ensure that protected species are not being used in commercial trade.

Title: Permit application form.

Approval Number: 1018-0092.

Service Form Number: 3-200-1.

Frequency of Collection: Rarely, if ever used, for reasons described above.

Description of Respondents: Scientific institutions, businesses or individuals that request permission to conduct any number of otherwise unauthorized activities.