

Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1652-0042, abstracted below to OMB for review and approval of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on August 16, 2013, 78 FR 50076. A correction has been made in this notice to the number of burden hours per respondent from 1 to 2.7 hours. The increase in burden hours is based on historical data collected over the past three years. The collection involves TSA determining whether the party or representative of a party seeking access to sensitive security information (SSI) in a civil proceeding in federal court, or a prospective bidder seeking access to SSI for the purpose of perfecting a proposal in response to a TSA request for proposal, may be granted access to the SSI.

**DATES:** Send your comments by February 14, 2014. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB. Comments should be addressed to Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joanna Johnson, TSA PRA Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT), TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598-6011; telephone (571) 227-3651; *email* [TSAPRA@dhs.gov](mailto:TSAPRA@dhs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following

information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### **Information Collection Requirement**

*Title:* Sensitive Security Information Threat Assessments.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1652-0042.

*Form(s):* TSA 2211.

*Affected Public:* Individuals seeking access to SSI Information.

*Abstract:* TSA has implemented section 525 of the DHS Appropriations Act, 2007, Public Law 109-925, see 525(d) (October 4, 2006), as reenacted,<sup>1</sup> by establishing a process whereby a party seeking access to SSI in a civil proceeding in federal court that demonstrates a substantial need for relevant SSI in preparation of the party's case may request that the party representative or court reporter be granted access to the SSI. Under section 114 of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, Pub. L. 107-71 (November 19, 2001), and 49 CFR 1520.11(c), TSA may make an individual's access to SSI contingent upon satisfactory completion of a security background check or other procedures and requirements for safeguarding SSI that are satisfactory to TSA, and TSA uses the same process for a prospective bidder who is seeking access to SSI to submit a proposal in response to a request for proposal by TSA. The prospective bidder may request certain SSI to perfect their bid.

In order to determine if the individual may be granted access to SSI for these purposes, TSA conducts a criminal history records check (CHRC), professional responsibility check, and threat assessment. Individuals are required to submit information including identifying information and an explanation supporting the individual's need for the information.

*Number of Respondents:* 127

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* An estimated 343 hours annually.

Dated: January 10, 2014.

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*TSA Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of Information Technology.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

#### **Accreditation of ST Laboratories Group, LLC, as a Commercial Laboratory**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of ST Laboratories Group, LLC, as a commercial laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that ST Laboratories Group, LLC, has been accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of September 12, 2013.

**DATES: Effective Dates:** The accreditation and approval of ST Laboratories Group, LLC, as commercial laboratory became effective on September 12, 2013. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for September 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Approved Gauger and Accredited Laboratories Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 that ST Laboratories Group, LLC, 1404 S. Houston Rd., Pasadena, TX 77502, has been accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12. ST Laboratories Group, LLC is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

<sup>1</sup> Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, Pub. L. 113-6, Div. D., Title V., sec. 510 (March 26, 2013).

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-01 .....	D287	API Gravity of crude Petroleum and Petroleum products (Hydrometer Method).
27-04 .....	D95	Standard test method for water in petroleum products and bituminous materials by distillation.
27-05 .....	D4928-89	Standard test method for water in crude oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27-06 .....	D473	Standard Test method for sediment in crude oils and fuel oils by extraction method.
27-07 .....	D4807	Standard test method for sediment in crude oil by membrane filtration.
27-08 .....	D86	Standard Test method for distillation of petroleum products.
27-11 .....	D445	Standard Test method of kinematic viscosity of transparent and opaque liquids.
27-13 .....	D4294	Standard test method for sulfur in petroleum and petroleum products by energy-dispersive x-ray fluorescence spectrometry.
27-48 .....	D4052	Standard test method for density and relative density of liquids by digital density meter.
27-50 .....	D93	Standard test method for flash point by Pensky Martin Closed Cup Tester.
29-01 .....	D3797	Test method for analysis of o-Xylene by Gas Chromatography.
29-02 .....	D3798	Test method for Analysis of p-Xylene by Gas Chromatography.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific tests this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [cbp.labhq@dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.labhq@dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories.

[http://cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/basic\\_trade/labs\\_scientific\\_svcs/commercial\\_gaugers/gaulist.ctt/gaulist.pdf](http://cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/basic_trade/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/gaulist.ctt/gaulist.pdf)

Dated: January 3, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2014, the interest rates for overpayments will be 2 percent for corporations and 3 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 3 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 1, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Wyman, Revenue Division, Collection and Refunds Branch, 6650 Telecom Drive, Suite #100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 614-4516.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B)) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Public Law 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide

different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2013-25, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2014, and ending on March 31, 2014. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%) for both corporations and non-corporations. For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus one percentage point (1%) for a total of two percent (2%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2014.

For the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpayments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6	
070175	013176	9	9	
020176	013178	7	7	
020178	013180	6	6	
020180	013182	12	12	