

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 19, 2010, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Office of Regulations and Rulings, 799 9th Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulations and Rulings, 799 9th Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document the CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Visa Waiver Program Carrier Agreement.

OMB Number: 1651-0110.

Form Number: I-775.

Abstract: Pursuant to section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), paragraphs (a) and (e) and 8 CFR 217.6, all carriers must enter into an agreement with CBP in order to transport passengers to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Form I-775 functions as the agreement between CBP and carriers, serving to hold the carriers liable for transportation costs and to ensure the completion of required forms. CBP is proposing to adjust the burden hours for this collection of information because

the estimated response time has decreased from 2 hours to 30 minutes.

CBP is also proposing to add new provisions to this Agreement including:

(1) A prohibition on transporting any alien who is not authorized by the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) to travel to the United States under the VWP; (2) a requirement that carriers applying to become signatory to a visa waiver contract with CBP have must have paid all their User Fee obligations and any previous penalties under the INA or U.S. Customs laws; (3) a requirement that carriers applying to become signatory to the VWP with CBP must post a bond sufficient to cover the total penalty amounts for violations that were imposed against the carrier during the previous fiscal year; (4) a provision that if the carrier ceases operations in the United States, then the agreement becomes null and void; and, (5) a provision that the Agreement must be renewed every seven years. In addition, CBP proposes to add a statement to Form I-775 regarding the submission of electronic arrival and departure manifests by carriers, which is an existing requirement provided under 8 CFR 217.7(a) and (b).

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with a revision to the burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension (with change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Dated: November 17, 2009.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Form N-400, Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Form N-400, Application for Naturalization; OMB Control No. 1615-0052.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 3, 2009, at 74 FR 45648, announcing a revision to the form and instructions. However, USCIS has decided not to revise the form or instructions at this time. Should USCIS decide to revise the form and instructions in the near future it will once again publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** and allow the public 60-days to submit comments. USCIS did receive two comments on the September 3, 2009, notice. USCIS responded to those two comments in item 8 of the supporting statement that will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments on the extension. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 21, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.reg@dhhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via e-mail at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB Control No. 1615-0052 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more 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, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies 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 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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form N-400; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses the information on this form to determine an applicant's eligibility for naturalization.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 700,000 responses at 6 hours and 8 minutes (6.13 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 4,291,000 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-2210, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: November 17, 2009.

Stephen Tarragon,

Deputy Chief, Regulatory Products Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2009-0800]

Notification of the Imposition of Conditions of Entry for Certain Vessels Arriving to the United States, Madagascar

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that it will impose conditions of entry on vessels arriving to the United States from Madagascar, with the exception of vessels arriving from the port of Toamasina (also known as Tamatave).

DATES: The requirements announced in this notice will become effective December 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: This notice will be available for inspection and copying at the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W12-140 on the Ground Floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Mr. Michael Brown, International Port Security Evaluation Division, Coast Guard, telephone 202-372-1081. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

Section 70110 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295, Nov. 25, 2002) (46 U.S.C. 70110) provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security may impose conditions of entry on vessels requesting entry into the United States arriving from ports that are not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, may deny entry into the United States to any vessel that does not meet such conditions set forth herein, and shall provide public notice for passengers of the ineffective antiterrorism measures. The Coast Guard has been delegated the authority by the Secretary to carry out the provisions of this section. Previous notices have imposed or removed conditions of entry on vessels arriving from certain countries and those conditions of entry and the countries

they pertain to remain in effect unless modified by this notice.

Based on an assessment conducted pursuant to the provisions of 46 U.S.C. 70108 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, the Coast Guard has determined that ports in Madagascar are not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures. Inclusive to this determination is an assessment that Madagascar presents significant risk of introducing instruments of terror into international maritime commerce.

Consistent with 46 U.S.C. 70109, the United States notified Madagascar of this determination on May 17, 2007, and identified steps necessary to improve the antiterrorism measures in Madagascar. To date, the United States cannot confirm that the identified deficiencies have been corrected.

Accordingly, effective December 4, 2009 the Coast Guard will impose the following conditions of entry on vessels that visited ports in Madagascar, with the exception of vessels arriving from the port of Toamasina (also known as Tamatave) during their last five port calls. Vessels must:

- Implement measures per the ship's security plan equivalent to "Security Level 2" while in a port in Madagascar. As defined in the ISPS Code and incorporated herein, "Security Level 2" refers to the "level for which appropriate additional protective security measures shall be maintained for a period of time as a result of heightened risk of a security incident."
- Ensure that each access point to the ship is guarded and that the guards have total visibility of the exterior (both landside and waterside) of the vessel while the vessel is in ports in Madagascar. Guards may be provided by the ship's crew, however additional crewmembers should be placed on the ship if necessary to ensure that limits on maximum hours of work are not exceeded and/or minimum hours of rest are met. Guards may also be provided by outside security forces approved by the ship's master and "Company Security Officer." As defined in the ISPS Code and incorporated herein, "Company Security Officer" refers to the "person designated by the Company for ensuring that a ship security assessment is carried out; that a ship security plan is developed, submitted for approval, and thereafter implemented and maintained and for liaison with port facility security officers and the ship security officer."

- Attempt to execute a Declaration of Security while in port in Madagascar;
- Log all security actions in the ship's log; and