

DHS invites the general public to comment on the proposed reinstatement of OMB Information Collection 1640-0001 (Application Kit), as described below.

Interested parties can obtain copies of the Application Kit by going to the Office of Safety Act Web site and downloading copies thereof. The address is: <http://www.safetyact.gov>. The Application Kit may also be obtained by calling or writing the point of contact listed above.

Please note that the Application Kit includes various forms for different types of SAFETY Act applications. As explained herein, these separate forms are intended to be flexible and permit the Applicants to provide relevant information to their specific applications without undue bureaucratic burden. The Department is committed to improving its SAFETY Act processes and urges all interested parties to suggest how these materials can further reduce burden while seeking necessary information under the Act.

DHS is particularly interested in comments that:

(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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Suggest ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Suggest ways 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 submissions of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* SAFETY Act Application Kit

(3) *Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* DHS-S&T-I SAFETY-0001 through 0010.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Business or other for-profit and not-for profit institutions; the data

collected through the Application Kit will facilitate efforts of responding persons to develop vital anti-terrorist technology by obtaining coverage under the SAFETY Act.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 2500 respondents with an average of slightly more than 48.5 hours per respondent.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 121,400 burden hours.

Dated: August 14, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for Allowance in Duties

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Application for Allowance in Duties. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 16, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Information Services Branch, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 344-1429.

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 CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Application for Allowance in Duties.

OMB Number: 1651-0007.

Form Number: CBP Form-4315.

Abstract: This collection is required by the CBP in instances of claims of damaged or defective merchandise on which an allowance in duty is made in the liquidation of the entry. The information is used to substantiate importer's claims for such duty allowances.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,600.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: N/A.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

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Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.

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