

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Office of the Secretary****6 CFR Chs. I and II****[DHS Docket No. OGC–RP–04–001]****Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

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## U.S. COAST GUARD—COMPLETED ACTIONS

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## U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)***Office of the Secretary (OS)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**125. Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS)***Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 113–254

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) previously invited public comment on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) for potential revisions to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulations. The ANPRM provided an opportunity for the public to provide recommendations for possible program changes. DHS is reviewing the public comments received in response to the ANPRM, after which DHS intends to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| ANPRM .....               | 08/18/14 | 79 FR 48693 |
| ANPRM Comment Period End. | 10/17/14 |             |
| NPRM .....                | 10/00/17 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 1601-AA69

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)***Office of the Secretary (OS)*

Long-Term Actions

**126. Ammonium Nitrate Security Program**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 110–161, 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, section 563

*Abstract:* This rulemaking will implement the December 2007 amendment to the Homeland Security Act entitled “Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate.” The amendment requires the Department of Homeland Security to “regulate the sale and transfer of ammonium nitrate by an ammonium nitrate facility . . . to prevent the misappropriation or use of ammonium nitrate in an act of terrorism.”

*Timetable:*

| Action                     | Date             | FR Cite     |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| ANPRM .....                | 10/29/08         | 73 FR 64280 |
| Correction .....           | 11/05/08         | 73 FR 65783 |
| ANPRM Comment Period End.  | 12/29/08         |             |
| NPRM .....                 | 08/03/11         | 76 FR 46908 |
| Notice of Public Meetings. | 10/07/11         | 76 FR 62311 |
| Notice of Public Meetings. | 11/14/11         | 76 FR 70366 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.   | 12/01/11         |             |
| Final Rule .....           | To Be Determined |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 1601-AA52

**127. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation, Enhancement of Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees**

*Legal Authority:* Sec. 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013, (Pub. L. 112–239, enacted January 2, 2013); 41 U.S.C. 1302(a)(2); 41 U.S.C. 1707

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to amend its Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) parts 3003 and 3052 to implement section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (Pub. L. 112–239, enacted January 2, 2013) for the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Section 827 of the NDAA for FY 2013 established enhancements to the Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees for all agencies subject to section 2409 of title 10, United States Code, which includes the USCG.

*Timetable:*

| Action     | Date     | FR Cite |
|------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM ..... | 10/00/18 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1601-AA72

**128. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Sensitive Information (HSAR Case 2015-001)**

*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 301 to 302; 41 U.S.C. 1302; 41 U.S.C. 1303; 41 U.S.C. 1707

*Abstract:* This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would implement adequate security and privacy measures to safeguard Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), such as Personally Identifiable Information (PII), for DHS contractors. Specifically, the rule would define key terms, outline security requirements and inspection provisions for contractor information technology (IT) systems that store or process sensitive information, institute incident notification and response procedures, and identify post-incident credit monitoring requirements.

*Timetable:*

| Action                          | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                      | 01/19/17 | 82 FR 6429  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.        | 03/20/17 |             |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended.   | 03/20/17 | 82 FR 14341 |
| Second NPRM Comment Period End. | 04/19/17 |             |
| Final Rule .....                | 09/00/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1601-AA76

**129. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Information Technology Security Awareness Training (HSAR Case 2015-002)**

*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 41 U.S.C. 1707; 41 U.S.C. 1302; 41 U.S.C. 1303

*Abstract:* This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule

would standardize information technology security awareness training and DHS Rules of Behavior requirements for contractor and subcontractor employees who access DHS information systems and information resources or contractor-owned and/or operated information systems and information resources capable of collecting, processing, storing or transmitting controlled unclassified information (CUI).

*Timetable:*

| Action                          | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                      | 01/19/17 | 82 FR 6446  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.        | 03/20/17 |             |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended.   | 03/20/17 | 82 FR 14341 |
| Second NPRM Comment Period End. | 04/19/17 |             |
| Final Rule .....                | 09/00/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1601-AA78

**130. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Privacy Training (HSAR Case 2015-003)**

*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 41 U.S.C. 1707; 41 U.S.C. 1702; 41 U.S.C. 1303

*Abstract:* This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would require contractors to complete training that addresses the protection of privacy, in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, and the handling and safeguarding of Personally Identifiable Information and Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information.

*Timetable:*

| Action                        | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                    | 01/19/17 | 82 FR 6425  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.      | 03/20/17 |             |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended. | 03/20/17 | 82 FR 14341 |

| Action                          | Date     | FR Cite |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Second NPRM Comment Period End. | 04/19/17 |         |
| Final Rule .....                | 09/00/18 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1601-AA79

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**131. Requirements for Filing Motions and Administrative Appeals**

*Legal Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552; 5 U.S.C. 552a; 8 U.S.C. 1101; 8 U.S.C. 1103; 8 U.S.C. 1304; 6 U.S.C. 112

*Abstract:* This rule proposes to revise the requirements and procedures for the filing of motions and appeals before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and its Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The proposed changes are intended to streamline the existing processes for filing motions and appeals and will reduce delays in the review and appellate process. This rule also proposes additional changes necessitated by the establishment of DHS and its components. The proposed changes are intended to promote simplicity, accessibility, and efficiency in the administration of USCIS appeals and motions. The Department also solicits public comment on proposed changes to the AAO's appellate jurisdiction.

*Timetable:*

| Action     | Date     | FR Cite |
|------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM ..... | 12/00/17 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615–AB98

### 132. • EB–5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program

*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5); Pub. L. 102–395, secs. 610 and 601(a); Pub. L. 107–273, sec. 11037; Pub. L. 101–649, sec. 121(a); Pub. L. 105–119, sec. 116; Pub. L. 106–396, sec. 402; Pub. L. 108–156, sec. 4; Pub. L. 112–176, sec. 1; Pub. L. 114–113, sec. 575; Pub. L. 114–53, sec. 131; Pub. L. 107–273

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is considering making regulatory changes to the EB–5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program. Based on decades of experience operating the program, DHS has determined that program changes are needed to better reflect business realities for regional centers and EB–5 immigrant investors, to increase predictability and transparency in the adjudication process for stakeholders, to improve operational efficiency for the agency, and to enhance program integrity. DHS issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to seek comment from all interested stakeholders on several topics, including: (1) The process for initially designating entities as regional centers, (2) a potential requirement for regional centers to utilize an exemplar filing process, (3) continued participation requirements for maintaining regional center designation, and (4) the process for terminating regional center designation. While DHS has gathered some information related to these topics, the ANPRM sought additional information that can help the Department make operational and security updates to the Regional Center Program while minimizing the impact of such changes on regional center operations and EB–5 investors. The ANPRM is organized to include requests for comment immediately following discussions of the relevant issues.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite    |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| ANPRM .....               | 01/11/17 | 82 FR 3211 |
| ANPRM Comment Period End. | 04/11/17 |            |
| NPRM .....                | 04/00/18 |            |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615–AC11

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Final Rule Stage

### 133. EB–5 Immigrant Investor Program Modernization

*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)

*Abstract:* In January 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposed to amend its regulations governing the employment-based, fifth preference (EB–5) immigrant investor classification. In general, under the EB–5 program, individuals are eligible to apply for lawful permanent residence in the United States if they make the necessary investment in a commercial enterprise in the United States and create or, in certain circumstances, preserve 10 permanent full-time jobs for qualified U.S. workers. This rule sought public comment on a number of proposed changes to the EB–5 program regulations. Such proposed changes included: raising the minimum investment amount; allowing certain EB–5 petitioners to retain their original priority date; changing the designation process for targeted employment areas; and other miscellaneous changes to filing and interview processes.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                   | Date     | FR Cite    |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| NPRM .....               | 01/13/17 | 82 FR 4738 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 04/11/17 |            |
| Final Action .....       | 04/00/18 |            |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615–AC07

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Long-Term Actions

### 134. Registration Requirement for Petitioners Seeking To File H–1B Petitions on Behalf of Aliens Subject to Numerical Limitations

*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1184(g)

*Abstract:* The Department of Homeland Security will finalize its regulations governing petitions filed on behalf of alien workers subject to annual numerical limitations. This rule proposes to establish an electronic registration program for petitions subject to numerical limitations for the H–1B nonimmigrant classification. This action is necessary because the demand for H–1B specialty occupation workers by U.S. companies may exceed the numerical limitation. This rule is intended to allow USCIS to more efficiently manage the intake and lottery process for these H–1B petitions.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 03/03/11 | 76 FR 11686 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 05/02/11 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1615–AB71

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*

Completed Actions

### 135. Retention of EB–1, EB–2, and EB–3 Immigrant Workers and Program Improvements Affecting Highly-Skilled H–1B Nonimmigrant Workers

*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 112; 8 U.S.C. 1154 and 1155; 8 U.S.C. 1184; 8 U.S.C. 1255; 8 U.S.C. 1324a

*Abstract:* In November 2016, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) amended its regulations affecting certain employment-based immigrant

and nonimmigrant classifications. This rule amended regulations to provide stability and job flexibility for the beneficiaries of approved employment-based immigrant visa petitions while they wait to become lawful permanent residents. DHS also updated its regulations to conform them with the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-First Century Act of 2000 (AC21) as amended by the Twenty-First Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (the 21st Century DOJ Appropriations Act), as well as the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA). The rule clarified several interpretive questions raised by ACWIA and AC21 regarding H-1B petitions, and incorporated relevant AC21 policy memoranda and an Administrative Appeals Office precedent decision.

*Timetable:*

| Action                   | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....               | 12/31/15 | 80 FR 81900 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 02/29/16 |             |
| Final Rule .....         | 11/18/16 | 81 FR 82398 |
| Final Rule Effective.    | 01/17/17 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 1615-AC05

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)*

Final Rule Stage

### 136. Seafarers' Access to Maritime Facilities

*Legal Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 1226; 33 U.S.C. 1231; Pub. L. 111-281, sec. 811

*Abstract:* This regulatory action will implement section 811 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-281), which requires the owner/

operator of a facility regulated by the Coast Guard under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) (MTSA) to provide a system that enables seafarers and certain other individuals to transit between vessels moored at the facility and the facility gate in a timely manner at no cost to the seafarer or other individual. Ensuring that such access through a facility is consistent with the security requirements in MTSA is part of the Coast Guard's Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security (PWCS) mission.

*Timetable:*

| Action                         | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                     | 12/29/14 | 79 FR 77981 |
| NPRM Comment Period Re-opened. | 05/27/15 | 80 FR 30189 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.       | 07/01/15 |             |
| Final Rule .....               | 10/00/17 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 1625-AC15

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)*

Long-Term Actions

### 137. Numbering of Undocumented Barges

*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 12301  
*Abstract:* Title 46 U.S.C. 12301, as amended by the Abandoned Barge Act of 1992, requires that all undocumented barges of more than 100 gross tons operating on the navigable waters of the United States be numbered. This rulemaking would establish a numbering system and user fees for an original or renewed Certificate of Number for these barges. The numbering of undocumented barges allows the Coast Guard to identify the owners of abandoned barges. This rulemaking supports the Coast Guard's broad role and responsibility of protecting natural resources.

*Timetable:*

| Action                             | Date             | FR Cite     |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Request for Comments.              | 10/18/94         | 59 FR 52646 |
| Comment Period End.                | 01/17/95         |             |
| ANPRM .....                        | 07/06/98         | 63 FR 36384 |
| ANPRM Comment Period End.          | 11/03/98         |             |
| NPRM .....                         | 01/11/01         | 66 FR 2385  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.           | 04/11/01         |             |
| NPRM Reopening of Comment Period.  | 08/12/04         | 69 FR 49844 |
| NPRM Reopening Comment Period End. | 11/10/04         |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.          | To Be Determined |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 1625-AA14

### 138. Outer Continental Shelf Activities

*Legal Authority:* 43 U.S.C. 1333(d)(1); 43 U.S.C. 1348(c); 43 U.S.C. 1356; DHS Delegation No 0170.1

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard is the lead Federal agency for workplace safety and health on facilities and vessels engaged in the exploration for, or development, or production of, minerals on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), other than for matters generally related to drilling and production that are regulated by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). This project would revise the regulations on OCS activities by: (1) Adding new requirements, for OCS units for lifesaving, fire protection, training, and helidecks; (2) providing for USCG acceptance and approval of specified classification society plan reviews, inspections, audits, and surveys; and (3) requiring foreign vessels engaged in OCS activities to comply with rules similar to those imposed on U.S. vessels similarly engaged. This project would affect the owners and operators of facilities and vessels engaged in offshore activities.

*Timetable:*

| Action                        | Date             | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Request for Comments.         | 06/27/95         | 60 FR 33185 |
| Comment Period End.           | 09/25/95         |             |
| NPRM .....                    | 12/07/99         | 64 FR 68416 |
| NPRM Correction               | 02/22/00         | 65 FR 8671  |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended. | 03/16/00         | 65 FR 14226 |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended. | 06/30/00         | 65 FR 40559 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.      | 11/30/00         |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.     | To Be Determined |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1625-AA18

**139. Commercial Fishing Vessels—Implementation of 2010 and 2012 Legislation**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111-281

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard proposes to implement those requirements of 2010 and 2012 legislation that pertain to uninspected commercial fishing industry vessels and that took effect upon enactment of the legislation but that, to be implemented, require amendments to Coast Guard regulations affecting those vessels. The applicability of the regulations is being changed, and new requirements are being added to safety training, equipment, vessel examinations, vessel safety standards, the documentation of maintenance, and the termination of unsafe operations. This rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's maritime safety mission.

*Timetable:*

| Action                          | Date             | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                      | 06/21/16         | 81 FR 40437 |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended.   | 08/15/16         | 81 FR 53986 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.        | 10/19/16         |             |
| Second NPRM Comment Period End. | 12/18/16         |             |
| Final Rule .....                | To Be Determined |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1625-AB85

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)***U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)*

## Completed Actions

**140. Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); Card Reader Requirements**

*Legal Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 1226; 33 U.S.C. 1231; 46 U.S.C. 701; 50 U.S.C. 191; 50 U.S.C. 192; E.O. 12656

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard established electronic card reader requirements for maritime facilities and vessels to be used in combination with TSA's Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Congress enacted several statutory requirements within the Security and Accountability for Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006 to guide regulations pertaining to TWIC readers, including the need to evaluate TSA's final pilot program report as part of the TWIC reader rulemaking. During the rulemaking process, we took into account the final pilot data and the various conditions in which TWIC readers may be employed. For example, we considered the types of vessels and facilities that will use TWIC readers, locations of secure and restricted areas, operational constraints, and need for accessibility. Recordkeeping requirements, amendments to security plans, and the requirement for data exchanges (*i.e.*, Canceled Card List) between TSA and vessel or facility owners/operators were also addressed in this rulemaking.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                       | Date     | FR Cite     |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| ANPRM .....                                  | 03/27/09 | 74 FR 13360 |
| Notice of Public Meeting.                    | 04/15/09 | 74 FR 17444 |
| ANPRM Comment Period End.                    | 05/26/09 |             |
| Notice of Public Meeting Comment Period End. | 05/26/09 |             |
| NPRM .....                                   | 03/22/13 | 78 FR 20558 |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended.                | 05/10/13 | 78 FR 27335 |

| Action                            | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM Comment Period Extended End. | 06/20/13 |             |
| Final Rule .....                  | 08/23/16 | 81 FR 57651 |
| Final Rule Effective.             | 08/23/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1625-AB21

**141. Updates to Maritime Security**

*Legal Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 1226; 33 U.S.C. 1231; 46 U.S.C. 701; 50 U.S.C. 191 and 192; E.O. 12656; 33 CFR 1.05-1; 33 CFR 6.04-11; 33 CFR 6.14; 33 CFR 6.16; 33 CFR 6.19; DHS Delegation No. 0170.1

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard is no longer pursuing this rulemaking.

*Timetable:*

| Action          | Date     | FR Cite |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Withdrawn ..... | 03/10/17 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1625-AB38

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)***U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)*

## Final Rule Stage

**142. Waiver of Passport and Visa Requirements Due to an Unforeseen Emergency**

*Legal Authority:* 212(a)(7)(B) INA 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(7)

*Abstract:* This rule reinstates a 1996 amendment to 8 CFR 212.1(g) regarding a waiver of documentary requirements for nonimmigrants seeking admission to the United States. The 1996 amendment allowed the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to waive passport and visa requirements due to

an unforeseen emergency while preserving its ability to fine carriers for unlawfully transporting aliens to the United States who do not have a valid passport or visa. On November 20, 2009, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit invalidated the 1996 amendment based on procedural grounds.

*Timetable:*

| Action                   | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....               | 03/08/16 | 81 FR 12032 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 05/09/16 |             |
| Final Rule .....         | 07/00/17 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1651-AA97

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)

#### Long-Term Actions

#### 143. Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements (Section 610 Review)

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 109-347, sec. 203; 5 U.S.C. 301; 19 U.S.C. 66; 19 U.S.C. 1431; 19 U.S.C. 1433 to 1434; 19 U.S.C. 1624; 19 U.S.C. 2071 (note); 46 U.S.C. 60105

*Abstract:* This final rule implements the provisions of section 203 of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006. On November 25, 2008, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published an interim final rule (CBP Dec. 08-46) in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 71730), that finalized most of the provisions proposed in the NPRM. It requires carrier and importers to provide to CBP, via a CBP approved electronic data interchange system, certain advance information pertaining to cargo brought into the United States by vessel to enable CBP to identify high-risk shipments to prevent smuggling and ensure cargo safety and security. The interim final rule did not finalize six data elements that were identified as areas of potential concern for industry during the rulemaking process and, for which, CBP provided some type of

flexibility for compliance with those data elements. CBP solicited public comment on these six data elements, is conducting a structured review, and also invited comments on the revised Regulatory Assessment and Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. (See 73 FR 71782-85 for regulatory text and 73 CFR 71733-34 for general discussion.) The remaining requirements of the rule were adopted as final. CBP plans to issue a final rule after CBP completes a structured review of the flexibilities and analyzes the comments.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                 | Date     | FR Cite     |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                             | 01/02/08 | 73 FR 90    |
| NPRM Comment Period End.               | 03/03/08 |             |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended.          | 02/01/08 | 73 FR 6061  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.               | 03/18/08 |             |
| Interim Final Rule                     | 11/25/08 | 73 FR 71730 |
| Interim Final Rule Effective.          | 01/26/09 |             |
| Interim Final Rule Comment Period End. | 06/01/09 | 74 FR 33920 |
| Correction .....                       | 07/14/09 |             |
| Correction .....                       | 12/24/09 | 74 FR 68376 |
| Final Action .....                     | 11/00/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1651-AA70

#### 144. Implementation of the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program (Section 610 Review)

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 110-229, sec. 702

*Abstract:* The interim final rule amends Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations to implement section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA). This law extends the immigration laws of the United States to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and provides for a joint visa waiver program for travel to Guam and the CNMI. This rule implements section 702 of the CNRA by amending the regulations to replace the current Guam Visa Waiver Program with a new Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. The amended regulations set forth the requirements for nonimmigrant

visitors who seek admission for business or pleasure and solely for entry into and stay on Guam or the CNMI without a visa. This rule also establishes six ports of entry in the CNMI for purposes of administering and enforcing the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. Section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA), subject to a transition period, extends the immigration laws of the United States to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and provides for a visa waiver program for travel to Guam and/or the CNMI. On January 16, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued an interim final rule in the **Federal Register** replacing the then-existing Guam Visa Waiver Program with the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and setting forth the requirements for nonimmigrant visitors seeking admission into Guam and/or the CNMI under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. As of November 28, 2009, the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program is operational. This program allows nonimmigrant visitors from eligible countries to seek admission for business or pleasure for entry into Guam and/or the CNMI without a visa for a period of authorized stay not to exceed 45 days. This rulemaking would finalize the January 2009 interim final rule.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                              | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule                                  | 01/16/09 | 74 FR 2824  |
| Interim Final Rule Effective.                       | 01/16/09 |             |
| Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.              | 03/17/09 | 74 FR 25387 |
| Technical Amendment; Change of Implementation Date. | 05/28/09 |             |
| Final Action .....                                  | 08/00/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* No.

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*RIN:* 1651-AA77

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*Transportation Security Administration (TSA)*

### Long-Term Actions

#### 145. General Aviation Security and Other Aircraft Operator Security

*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 469; 18 U.S.C. 842; 18 U.S.C. 845; 46 U.S.C. 70102 to 70106; 46 U.S.C. 70117; 49 U.S.C. 114; 49 U.S.C. 114(f)(3); 49 U.S.C. 5103; 49 U.S.C. 5103a; 49 U.S.C. 40113; 49 U.S.C. 44901 to 44907; 49 U.S.C. 44913 to 44914; 49 U.S.C. 44916 to 44918; 49 U.S.C. 44932; 49 U.S.C. 44935 to 44936; 49 U.S.C. 44942; 49 U.S.C. 46105

*Abstract:* On October 30, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), proposing to amend current aviation transportation security regulations to enhance the security of general aviation by expanding the scope of current requirements, and by adding new requirements for certain large aircraft operators and airports serving those aircraft. TSA also proposed that all aircraft operations, including corporate and private charter operations, with aircraft having a maximum certificated takeoff weight (MTOW) above 12,500 pounds (large aircraft) be required to adopt a large aircraft security program. TSA also proposed to require certain airports that serve large aircraft to adopt security programs. TSA is considering publishing a supplemental NPRM (SNPRM) in response to comments received on the NPRM.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                                         | Date             | FR Cite     |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                                     | 10/30/08         | 73 FR 64790 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                       | 12/29/08         |             |
| Notice—NPRM Comment Period Extended.           | 11/25/08         | 73 FR 71590 |
| NPRM Extended Comment Period End.              | 02/27/09         |             |
| Notice—Public Meetings; Requests for Comments. | 12/18/08         | 73 FR 77045 |
| Supplemental NPRM.                             | To Be Determined |             |

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1652–AA53

#### 146. Security Training for Surface Transportation Employees

*Legal Authority:* 49 U.S.C. 114; Pub. L. 110–53, secs. 1405, 1408, 1501, 1512, 1517, 1531, and 1534

*Abstract:* As required by the 9/11 Act, this final rule requires security training for employees of higher-risk freight railroad carriers, public transportation agencies (including rail mass transit and bus systems), passenger railroad carriers, and over-the-road bus (OTRB) companies. Owner/operators of these higher-risk railroads, systems, and companies will be required to train employees performing security-sensitive functions, using a curriculum addressing preparedness and how to observe, assess, and respond to terrorist-related threats and/or incidents. As part of this rulemaking, TSA is expanding its current requirements for rail security coordinators and reporting of significant security concerns (currently limited to freight railroads, passenger railroads, and the rail operations of public transportation systems) to include the bus components of higher-risk public transportation systems and higher-risk OTRB companies. TSA is also adding a definition for Transportation Security-Sensitive Materials (TSSM). Other provisions are being amended or added, as necessary, to implement these additional requirements.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                   | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....               | 12/16/16 | 81 FR 91336 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 03/16/17 |             |
| Final Rule .....         | 09/00/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE)*

### Proposed Rule Stage

#### 147. Procedures and Standards for Declining Surety Immigration Bonds and Administrative Appeal Requirement for Breaches

*Legal Authority:* 8 U.S.C. 1103

*Abstract:* U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) proposes to set forth standards and procedures ICE will follow before making a determination to stop accepting immigration bonds posted by a surety company that has been certified to issue bonds by the Department of the Treasury when the company does not cure deficient performance. Treasury administers the Federal corporate surety program and, in its current regulations, allows agencies to prescribe “for cause” standards and procedures for declining to accept bonds from Treasury-certified sureties. ICE would also require surety companies seeking to overturn a breach determination to file an administrative appeal raising all legal and factual defenses.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action     | Date     | FR Cite |
|------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM ..... | 11/00/17 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1653-AA67

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*

### Long-Term Actions

#### 148. Updates to Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands Regulations To Implement Executive Order 13690 and the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard

*Legal Authority:* E.O. 11988, as amended; E.O. 13690

*Abstract:* The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to amend its regulations at 44 CFR part 9 “Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands” to implement Executive Order 13690, which establishes the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS). 44 CFR part 9 describes FEMA’s process for determining whether the proposed

location for an action falls within a floodplain. In addition, for those projects that would fall within a floodplain, part 9 describes FEMA’s framework for deciding whether and how to complete the action in the floodplain, in light of the risk of flooding. Consistent with Executive Order 13690 and the FFRMS, the proposed rule would change how FEMA defines a “floodplain” with respect to certain actions. Additionally, under the proposed rule, FEMA would use natural systems, ecosystem process, and nature-based approaches, where practicable, when developing alternatives to locating a proposed action in the floodplain.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 08/22/16 | 81 FR 57401 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 10/21/16 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1660-AA85

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

*Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*

### Completed Actions

#### 149. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement

*Legal Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*

*Abstract:* The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued this final rule to remove the copy of the Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement (Arrangement) and the summary of the Financial Control Plan from the appendices of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. It is no longer necessary or appropriate to retain a contract, agreement, or any other arrangement between FEMA and private insurance companies in the Code of Federal Regulations.

#### *Timetable:*

| Action                   | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....               | 05/23/16 | 81 FR 32261 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 07/22/16 |             |
| Final Rule .....         | 11/23/16 | 81 FR 84483 |
| Final Rule Effective.    | 12/23/16 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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