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; 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 CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Ship's Stores Declaration.

OMB Number: 1651–0018.

Form Number: Customs Form 1303.

Abstract: This collection is required for audit cargo purposes to ensure that goods used for Ship's Stores can be easily distinguished from other cargo and retain duty free status.

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

Type of Review: Extension. Affected Public: Businesses, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3.35 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 26,000.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$567,840.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

### Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Group.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

# **Bureau of Customs and Border Protection**

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Record of Vessel Foreign Repair or Equipment Purchase

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Record of Vessel Foreign Repair or Equipment Purchase. 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 February 22, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

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

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 3.2C, 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; 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 CBP 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:* Record of Vessel Foreign Repair or Equipment Purchase.

OMB Number: 1651–0027. Form Number: Form CBP–226. Abstract: This collection is required to ensure the collection of revenue (duty) required on all equipment, parts, or materials purchased, and repairs made to U.S. Flag vessels outside the United States.

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

Type of Review: Extension.
Affected Public: Businesses,
Individuals, Institutions.
Estimated Number of Respondents:

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.500.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$30,000.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

#### Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Group.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

# **Bureau of Customs and Border Protection**

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Lay Order Period—General Order Merchandise

**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 Lay Order Period—General Order Merchandise. 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 February 22, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2C, 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, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 3.2C, Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 344–1429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other