

December 15, 2007. Laboratories whose applications are received after that date will be considered on an as-received basis.

ADDRESSES: Laboratories may obtain NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*, NIST Handbook 150-24, *Personal Body Armor*, and an application for accreditation for this program by calling (301) 975-4016, by writing to NVLAP Body Armor Testing Program Manager, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, or by sending e-mail to nvlap@nist.gov. All applications for accreditation must be submitted to: NVLAP/Accounts, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, Room A800, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 1624, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1624.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hazel M. Richmond, Program Manager, NIST/NVLAP, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, Phone: (301) 975-3024, or e-mail: hazel.richmond@nist.gov. Information regarding NVLAP and the accreditation process can be viewed at <http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The United States Department of Justice (DoJ), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) requested that NIST establish a laboratory accreditation program for laboratories that test body armor for the DoJ law enforcement certification program. In response to the request from NIJ, and after consultation with interested parties through public workshops and other means, the Chief of NVLAP established an accreditation program for laboratories that test for the ballistic resistance of personal body armor.

This notice is issued in accordance with NVLAP procedures and general requirements, found in Title 15 Part 285 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Technical Requirements for the Accreditation Process

NVLAP assessments are conducted in accordance with the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program regulations, which are found at 15 CFR 285. NVLAP accreditation is in full conformance with relevant standards of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), including ISO/IEC 17025.

Accreditation is granted to a laboratory following successful

completion of a process, which includes submission of an application and payment of fees by the laboratory, a review of the laboratory management system documentation, an on-site assessment by technical experts, participation in proficiency testing, and resolution of any management system or technical nonconformities identified during any phase of the application process. The accreditation is formalized through issuance of a Certificate of Accreditation and Scope of Accreditation.

General requirements for accreditation are given in NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*. The specific technical and administrative requirements for the program for accreditation of laboratories that test body armor are given in the draft NIST Handbook 150-24, *Personal Body Armor*. Laboratories must meet all NVLAP criteria and requirements in order to become accredited. To be considered for accreditation, the applicant laboratory must provide a completed application to NVLAP, pay all required fees, agree to conditions for accreditation, and must be competent to perform the tests prescribed in the standard.

Application Requirements

- (1) Legal name and full address of the laboratory;
- (2) Ownership of the laboratory;
- (3) Authorized Representative's name and contact information;
- (4) Names, titles, and contact information for laboratory staff nominated to serve as Approved Signatories of test or calibration reports that reference NVLAP accreditation;
- (5) Organization chart defining relationships that are relevant to performing testing and calibrations covered in the accreditation request;
- (6) General description of the laboratory, including its facilities and scope of operations; and
- (7) Requested scope of accreditation.

For this program, the laboratory shall provide a copy of its management system documents, including quality manual and related documentation, where appropriate, prior to the on-site assessment. NVLAP will review the management system documentation and discuss any nonconformities with the Authorized Representative before the on-site visit. Laboratories that apply for accreditation will be required to pay NVLAP fees and undergo on-site assessment and shall meet proficiency testing requirements before initial accreditation can be granted.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This action contains a collection of information requirements subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Collection activities for NVLAP are currently approved by OMB under control number 0693-0003. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Dated: November 6, 2007.

Richard F. Kayser,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southwest Region Vessel Identification Requirements

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Trisha Culver, (562) 980-4230 or trisha.culver@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Regulations at 50 CFR part 660.16 require that all vessels with Federal permits to fish in the Southwest display the vessel's official number. The

numbers must be a specific size at specified locations. The display of the identifying number aids in fishery law enforcement.

II. Method of Collection

No information is collected.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0361.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$20,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 7, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Prohibited Species Donation Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region seeks to renew a collection of information for the continued management of the Prohibited Species Donation Program (PSD Program). Certain incidental catch of prohibited species, salmon and Pacific halibut, cannot be retained by fishing vessels due to management controls, and such prohibited species are usually discarded. Under the PSD Program, these fish may be donated to certain tax exempt groups for distribution to needy individuals. NMFS uses the information on the PSD distributor application to determine an organization's nonprofit status. In addition, the application provides information about the ability of the organization to arrange for and distribute donated salmon and Pacific halibut as a high quality food product. If the application requests distribution of more than one type of prohibited species, complete information must be supplied for each species, noting any differences in procedure. NMFS publishes notice of the selection of PSD distributors in the **Federal Register**. The reporting documentation is required to monitor the PSD Program and to ensure that donations go to authorized parties for legitimate purposes.

II. Method of Collection

The application to become a PSD distributor is submitted to NMFS as a letter, which can be mailed or attached to an e-mail. Processor and distributor maintain records required to track salmon and Pacific halibut retained

under the PSD Program, and distributors keep updated lists of program participants.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0316.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21.

Estimated Time Per Response: 40 hours for an application to become a NMFS authorized distributor; 12 minutes for Distributor's List of PSD Program Participants; 12 minutes for Distributor's product monitoring and retention of records; and 6 minutes for labeling, product tracking, and retention of records by processor.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 229.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$ 0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Dated: November 7, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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