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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

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We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG-2015-0694], and must be received by December 14, 2015.

Submitting Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for

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Information Collection Request

Title: Application for Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), Application for Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate, Application for Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate for Entry Level Ratings, Small Vessel Sea Service Form, DOT/USCG Periodic Drug Testing Form, Disclosure Statement for Narcotics, DWI/DUI, and/or Other Convictions, Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate, Recognition of Foreign Certificate.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0040.

Summary: The Application for Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), Application for Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate, Application for Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate for Entry Level Ratings, Small Vessel Sea Service Form, DOT/USCG Periodic Drug Testing Form, Disclosure Statement for Narcotics, DWI/DUI, and/or Other Convictions, contain the following information: Signature of applicant and supplementary material required to show that the mariner meets the mandatory requirements for the credential or medical certificate sought; proof of applicant passing all applicable vision, hearing, medical, and/or physical exams; negative chemical test for dangerous drugs; discharges or other documentary evidence of sea service indicating the name, tonnage, propulsion mode and power of the vessels, dates of service, capacity in which the applicant served, and on what waters; and disclosure documentation for narcotics, DWI/DUI, and/or other convictions.

Need: Title 46 United States Code (U.S.C.) subtitle II, part E, title 46 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) part 10, subpart B, and International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention) and the

STCW Code, including the STCW Final Rule (Docket No. USCG-2004-17914) published on December 24, 2013, requires MMC and Medical Certificate applicants to apply at one of the Coast Guard's seventeen Regional Examination Centers located nationwide. MMC's are established for individuals who are required to hold a credential under subtitle II. The Coast Guard has the responsibility of issuing MMC's and Medical Certificates to applicants found qualified as to age, character, habits of life, experience, professional qualifications, and physical fitness. The instruments contained within OMB Control No. 1625-0040 serve as a means for the applicant to apply for a MMC and Medical Certificate.

Forms: CG-719B, Application for Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC); CG-719C, Disclosure Statement for Narcotics, DWI/DUI, and/or Other Convictions; CG-719K, Application for Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate; CG-719K/E, Application for Merchant Mariner Medical Certificate for Entry Level Ratings; CG-719S, Small Vessel Sea Service Form; CG-719P, DOT/USCG Periodic Drug Testing Form.

Respondents: Applicants for MMC, whether original, renewal, duplicate, raise of grade, or a new endorsement on a previously issued MMC. Applicants for Medical Certificates include National and STCW credentialed mariners, and first-class pilots.

Frequency: On occasion.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated annual burden remains at 47,444 hours a year (CG-719B = 8,475 hours, CG-719C = 1,413 hours, CG-719K = 16,440 hours, CG-719K/E = 2,283 hours, CG-719P = 4,708 hours, and CG-719S = 14,125 hours).

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 5, 2015.

Thomas P. Michelli,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2015-0637]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625-0108

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625–0108, Standard Numbering System for Undocumented Vessels. Our ICR describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before December 14, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG–2015–0637] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public participation and request for comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from: COMMANDANT (CG–612), ATTN: PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT MANAGER, U.S. COAST GUARD, 2100 2ND STREET SW., STOP 7101, WASHINGTON, DC 20593–7101.

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Information Collection Request:

Title: Standard Numbering System for Undocumented Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625–0108.

Summary: The Standard Numbering System collects information on undocumented vessels and vessel owners operating on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies use information from the system for enforcement of boating laws or theft and fraud investigations. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United

States, the need has increased for identification of undocumented vessels to meet port security and other missions to safeguard the homeland.

Need: Subsection 12301(a) of title 46 United States Code, requires undocumented vessels equipped with propulsion machinery of any kind to be numbered in the State where the vessel is principally operated. In 46 U.S.C. 12302(a), Congress authorized the Secretary to prescribe, by regulation, a Standard Numbering System (SNS). The Secretary shall approve a State numbering system if that system is consistent with the SNS. The Secretary has delegated his authority under 46 U.S.C. 12301 and 12302 to Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. DHS Delegation No. 0170.1. The regulations requiring the numbering of undocumented vessels are in 33 CFR part 173 and regulations establishing the SNS for States to voluntarily carry out this function are contained in 33 CFR part 174.

In States that do not have an approved system, the Federal Government (U.S. Coast Guard) must administer the vessel numbering system. Currently, all 56 States and Territories have approved numbering systems. The approximate number of undocumented vessels registered by the States in 2014 was nearly 12 million.

The SNS collects information on undocumented vessels and vessel owners. States submit reports annually to the Coast Guard on the number, size, construction, etc., of vessels they have numbered. That information is used by the Coast Guard in (1) publication of an annual “Boating Statistics” report required by 46 U.S.C. 6102(b), and (2) for allocation of Federal funds to assist States in carrying out the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program established by 46 U.S.C. chapter 131.

On a daily basis or as warranted, Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel use SNS information from the States’ numbering systems for enforcement of boating laws or theft and fraud investigations. In addition, when encountering a vessel suspected of illegal activity, information from the SNS increases officer safety by assisting boarding officers in determining how best to approach a vessel. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the need has increased for identification of undocumented vessels and their owners for port security and other missions to safeguard the homeland, although the statutory requirement for numbering of vessels dates back to 1918.

Forms: None.

Respondents: Owners of all undocumented vessels propelled by

machinery are required by Federal law to apply for a number from the issuing authority of the State in which the vessel is to be principally operated. In addition, States may require other vessels, such as sailboats or even canoes and kayaks, to be numbered. "Owners" may include individuals or households, non-profit organizations, and small businesses (e.g., liveries that offer recreational vessels for rental by the public) or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: There are no recordkeeping requirements for this information collection. The frequency for the reporting requirements is, one time.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated annual burden has decreased from 286,458 hours to 257,986 hours a year due to a change in methodology.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 5, 2015.

Thomas P. Michelli,

U.S. Coast Guard, Deputy Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Modification of the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) Test Concerning the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Document Image System (DIS) Regarding Future Updates and New Method of Submission of Accepted Documents

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) plan to modify the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning document imaging, known as the Document Image System (DIS) test. The DIS test allows Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) participants to submit electronic images of a specific set of CBP and Partner Government Agency (PGA) forms, documents, and supporting information to CBP via a CBP-approved Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

This notice announces several changes to the DIS test. First, eligibility to participate in the test is being expanded to include anyone transmitting cargo release or entry

summary information to ACE. Second, CBP has added forms to the list of forms and documents supported by the DIS test. Third, the list of eligible forms and documents will now be maintained on the CBP Web site. Fourth, all future additions and changes to the list of eligible forms and documents will be announced on the CBP Web site, rather than by **Federal Register** notice. Finally, the DIS test is being amended to permit participants to submit all DIS eligible forms and documents as attachments to email, in addition to the methods of transmission previously authorized. This notice provides DIS test details including commencement date for the modifications announced herein, eligibility, procedural and documentation requirements, and test development and evaluation methods.

DATES: The modifications of the DIS test made by this notice are effective on October 15, 2015. The test will continue until concluded by way of announcement in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice and any aspect of the test may be submitted at any time during the test via email to Monica Crockett at monica.v.crockett@cbp.dhs.gov. In the subject line of your email, please indicate "*Comment on Document Image System (DIS)*."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For policy-related questions, contact Monica Crockett at monica.v.crockett@cbp.dhs.gov. For technical questions related to Automated Broker Interface (ABI) transmissions, contact your assigned client representative. Interested parties without an assigned client representative should direct their questions to Steven Zaccaro at steven.j.zaccaro@cbp.dhs.gov. Any partner government agency (PGA) interested in participating in DIS should contact Elizabeth McQueen at elizabeth.mcqueen@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) was established in Subtitle B of Title VI—Customs Modernization, in the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057, 2170, December 8, 1993) (Customs Modernization Act) (19 U.S.C. 1411-14). Through NCAP, the initial thrust of customs modernization was on trade compliance and the development of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), the planned successor to the Automated Commercial System (ACS). ACE is an automated and electronic

system for commercial trade processing which is intended to streamline business processes, facilitate growth in trade, ensure cargo security, and foster participation in global commerce, while ensuring compliance with U.S. laws and regulations and reducing costs for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and all of its communities of interest.

The ability to meet these objectives depends on successfully modernizing CBP's business functions and the information technology that supports those functions. CBP's modernization efforts are accomplished through phased releases of ACE component functionality designed to introduce new functionality or to replace a specific legacy ACS function. Each release will begin with a test and will end with mandatory compliance with the new ACE feature and the retirement of the legacy ACS function. Each release builds on previous releases and sets the foundation for subsequent releases.

On April 6, 2012, CBP published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a NCAP test called the Document Image System (DIS) test. *See* 77 FR 20835. The DIS test notice allowed ACE participants to submit electronic images of a specific set of CBP and Partner Government Agency (PGA) forms and supporting information to CBP via a CBP-approved Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

On July 23, 2013, CBP published a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a second phase, Phase II, of the DIS test and modifications to both the DIS test and the ACE Cargo Release test (formerly known as the Simplified Entry test). That notice reduced the metadata elements required for each DIS transmission and allowed the submission of certain documents through DIS earlier in the importation process, *i.e.* at the time of manifest. In Phase II, CBP also expanded the pool of eligible participants to include software providers who merely transmit data electronically on behalf of ACE participating importers or brokers. Finally, in Phase II, CBP specified forms that were eligible to be transmitted via a CBP-approved EDI to support ACE Cargo Release filings (previously known as Simplified Entry filings). *See* 78 FR 44142.

On June 25, 2014, CBP published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a third phase, Phase III, of the DIS test and adding to the list of documents and forms supported by the DIS test. *See* 79 FR 36083. In addition to the new documents and forms, that notice listed all CBP and PGA forms and documents which the DIS test