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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0029]

Agency Information Collection Activities:

Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status

Designation, and Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit

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

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation (CBP Forms 214, 214A, 214B, and 214C) and Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit (CBP Form 216). CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours or to the information collected. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of

consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street, NE, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street, NE 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). 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) the annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for 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 Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation,

and Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit

OMB Number: 1651-0029

Form Numbers: 214, 214A, 214B, 214C, and 216

Abstract: Foreign trade zones (FTZs) are geographical enclaves located within the geographical limits of the United States but for tariff purposes are considered to be outside the United States. Imported merchandise may be brought into FTZs for storage, manipulation, manufacture or other processing and subsequent removal for exportation, consumption in the United States, or destruction. A company bringing goods into an FTZ has a choice of zone status (privileged/non-privileged foreign, domestic, or zone-restricted), which affects the way such goods are treated by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and treated for tariff purposes upon entry into the customs territory of the U.S.

CBP Forms 214, 214A, 214B, and 214C, which make up the *Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation*, are used by companies that bring merchandise into an FTZ to register the admission of such merchandise into FTZs and to apply for the appropriate zone status. CBP Form 216, *Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit*, is used by companies to request approval to manipulate, manufacture, exhibit, or destroy merchandise in an FTZ.

These FTZ forms are authorized by 19 U.S.C. 81 and provided for by 19 CFR 146.22, 146.32, 146.41, 146.44, 146.52, 146.53, and 146.66. These forms are accessible at: <http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms>.

Action: CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with no change to the burden hours or to CBP Forms 214, 214A, 214B, 214C, and 216.

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses

Form 214, Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Admission and/or Status

Designation

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,749

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 25

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 168,725

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 42,181

Form 216, Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 10

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 25,000

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,167

Dated: March 23, 2015,

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