DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0136]

Agency Information Collection Activities:

Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery


ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection 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 of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted no later than [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk
Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via
electronic mail to dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should
be directed to the CBP Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, U.S. Customs and Border
Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, Economic Impact Analysis Branch,
90 K Street, NE, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, or via email
CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely
for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP
programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511,
(TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP Web site at https://www.cbp.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal
agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant
to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq). This proposed
information collection was previously published in the Federal Register (82 FR 34965) on
July 27, 2017, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional
30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR
1320.10. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should
address one or more of the following four points: (1) whether the proposed collection of
information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency,
including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s
estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of
the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the
collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Overview of this Information Collection:**

**Title:** Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**OMB Number:** 1651–0136

**Current Actions:** This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with no change to the burden hours.

**Type of Review:** Extension (without change)

**Abstract:** The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.
Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and businesses

**Type of Collection:** Comment cards

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 10,000

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:** 1

**Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:** 10,000

**Estimated Time per Response:** 3 minutes

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 500 hours

**Type of Collection:** Customer Surveys

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 50,000

**Estimated Numbers of Annual Responses per Respondent:** 1
Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 50,000

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,500

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