DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0138]

Agency Information Collection Activities:

Biometric Identity


ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Revision and 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. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted (no later than [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651-0138 in the subject line and the agency name. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments:
(1) Email. Submit comments to: CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, Telephone number (202) 325-0056 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 process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. 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: Biometric Identity

OMB Number: 1651-0138

Type of Review: Revision and Extension (with change)

Current Actions: This submission is being made to revise the information collection and extend the expiration date with a change to the burden hours due to an increase in the number of respondents in agency estimates and separating the different biometric modalities. Proposed Change: CBP is proposing to revise this collection of information to include the collection of biometrics from vehicles, this collection will not impose a time burden on the respondents and may reduce wait times at the ports of entry and exit.

Affected Public: Individuals

Abstract: In order to enhance national security, the Department of Homeland Security is developing a biometric based entry and exit system capable of improving the information resources available to immigration and border management decision-makers. These biometrics may include: digital fingerprint scans, facial images, iris images or other biometrics. Biometrics may be collected from travelers entering or exiting the United
States. CBP will store and use biometric data from those aliens specified in 8 CFR 215.8 and 8 CFR 235.1 in order to verify identity, determine admissibility of those seeking entry into the United States, confirm exit from the United States for the purpose of tracking aliens who have overstayed their visa or are otherwise illegally present in the United States, prevent visa fraud, and identify known or suspected criminals or terrorists. CBP continues to test and evaluate different technological and operational changes to improve the accuracy and speed of biometric collection.

Public Law 114-125, 130 Stat. 122, 199 (2015), and Sections 214, 215(a), 235(a), 262(a), 263(a) and 264(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1184, 1185(a), 1225(a), 1302(a)(1303(a), 1304(c) and 1365b.

**Fingerprint Modality**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 58,657,882  
**Estimated Time per Response:** .0097 hours  
**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 568,981

**Facial/Iris Modality**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 54,542,118  
**Estimated Time per Response:** .0025 hours  
**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 136,355

**Biometrics collected from vehicles:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 300,000*  
**Estimated Time per Response:** none  
**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** none

*Vehicle time per Respondent is estimated at zero due to no physical response required from the respondent.


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