

**Supporting Statement  
Record of Vessel Foreign Repair or Equipment Purchase  
1651-0027**

**A. Justification**

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

19 U.S.C. 1466(a) provides for a 50 percent *ad valorem* duty assessed on a vessel master or owner for any repairs, purchases, or expenses incurred in a foreign country by a commercial vessel registered in the United States. CBP Form 226, Record of Vessel Foreign Repair or Equipment Purchase, is used by the master or owner of a vessel to declare and file entry on equipment, repairs, parts, or materials purchased for the vessel in a foreign country. This information enables CBP to assess duties on these foreign repairs, parts, or materials. CBP Form 226 is provided for by 19 CFR 4.7 and 4.14 and is accessible at:

<https://www.cbp.gov/document/forms/form-226-record-vessel-foreign-repair-or-equipment-purchase>

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

The information collected on CBP Form 226 enables CBP to assess the proper amount of duties on these foreign repairs, parts, or materials.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

The Form 226 is a declaration for foreign repairs and is also used as a formal entry document to declare and pay duties of any foreign repairs. The current vessel repair process is not conducive to automation because Form 226 is presented at the dock when they ship arrives. It is then reviewed by the CBP officer who either boards the vessel or checks the ship's log to verify the foreign

repairs that were made and the materials that were used. There are no plans to automate the 226-Entry portion of this document because the manual process CBP currently uses is the most effective process of vessel repair verification.

- 4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

This information is not duplicated in any other place or any other form.

- 5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

- 6. Describe consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

If this data was collected less frequently, CBP would not be able to assess duties on these foreign repairs, parts, or materials.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances.**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

- 8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices, including a 60-day FRN published on August 4, 2016 (Volume 81, Page 51459) and a 30-day notice published on November 18, 2016 (Volume 81, Page 81789) on which no comments were received.

- 9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

A PIA for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) dated July 31, 2015, and a SORN for the Import Information System, dated August 17, 2015 (Vol. 80, Page 49256) will be included in this ICR. No assurances of confidentiality are provided to respondents.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

**12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.**

INFORMATION COLLECTION	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
CBP Form 226	2,200	100	11	1,100	2 hours

**Public Cost**

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$119,108. This is based on the estimated burden hours (2,200) multiplied by (x) the average loaded hourly wage rate for ship and boat captains and operators (\$54.14). CBP calculated this loaded wage rate by first multiplying the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) 2015 median hourly wage rate for Ship and Boat Captains and Operators (\$34.82) by the ratio of BLS' average 2015 total compensation to wages and salaries for Transportation and Material Moving occupations (1.5395), the assumed occupational group for ship and boat captains and operators, to account for non-salary employee benefits.<sup>1,2</sup> CBP then adjusted this figure, which was in 2015

1 Source of median wage rate: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment Statistics, "May 2015 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, United States- Median Hourly Wage by Occupation Code: 53-5020." Updated March 30, 2016. Available at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/2015/may/oes\\_nat.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2015/may/oes_nat.htm). Accessed June 14, 2016.

2 The total compensation to wages and salaries ratio is equal to the calculated average of the 2015 quarterly estimates (shown under Mar., June, Sep., Dec.) of the total compensation cost per hour worked for Transportation

U.S. dollars, to 2016 U.S. dollars by applying a 1.0 percent annual growth rate to the figure, as recommended by the U.S. Department of Transportation's value of travel time guidance.<sup>3</sup>

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information.**

There are no record keeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government associated with the review of these records is \$11,611.60. This is based on the number of responses that must be reviewed (1,100) multiplied by (x) the time burden to review and process each response (.166 hours) = 182 hours multiplied by (x) the average hourly loaded rate for a CBP Officer (\$63.80)<sup>4</sup> = \$11,611.60.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 12 or 13.**

There are no changes to the burden hours, to the information collected on Form 226, or to the number of responses.

**16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation, and publication.**

This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

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and Material Moving occupations (\$27.795) divided by the calculated average of the 2015 quarterly estimates (shown under Mar., June, Sep., Dec.) of wages and salaries cost per hour worked for the same occupation category (\$18.055). Source of total compensation to wages and salaries ratio data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation. *Employer Costs for Employee Compensation Historical Listing March 2004 – December 2015*, "Table 3. Civilian workers, by occupational group: employer costs per hours worked for employee compensation and costs as a percentage of total compensation, 2004-2015 by Respondent Type: Transportation and material moving occupations." June 9, 2016. Available at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ect/sp/ececqrtn.pdf>. Accessed June 14, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Transportation Policy. *The Value of Travel Time Savings: Departmental Guidance for Conducting Economic Evaluations Revision 2 (2015 Update)*, "Table 4 (Revision 2-corrected): Recommended Hourly Values of Travel Time Savings." April 29, 2015. <http://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/Revised%20Departmental%20Guidance%20on%20Valuation%20of%20Travel%20Time%20in%20Economic%20Analysis.pdf>. Accessed June 1, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> CBP bases this wage on the FY 2016 salary and benefits of the national average of CBP Officer positions, which is equal to a GS-12, Step 4. Source: Email correspondence with CBP's Office of Administration on June 27, 2016.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date, explain the reasons that displaying the expiration date would be inappropriate.**

CBP will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

**18. “Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions.”**

CBP does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

**B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

No statistical methods were employed.