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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Agency Information Collection Activities: New Information Collection, Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission, Form G-1107. OMB Control No. 1615-NEW.

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The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) Ombudsman has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until August 28, 2006.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Director, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at <a href="rfs.regs@dhs.gov">rfs.regs@dhs.gov</a>. When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add Form Number G-1107 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) 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.

Overview of This Information Collection

- (1) Type of Information Collection: New information collection.
- (2) Title of the Form/Collection: CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission.
- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form G-1107. Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman.
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection is necessary for the CIS Ombudsman to identify problem areas, propose changes, and assist individuals experiencing problems during the processing of an immigration benefit with USCIS.
- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 2,600 responses at 1 hour per response.
- (6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 2,600 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the DHS Web site at: <a href="http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/pra/index.htm">http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/pra/index.htm</a>

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: June 26, 2006. Stephen Tarragon, Deputy Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. [FR Doc. 06-5794 Filed 6-28-06; 8:45 am]

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