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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2008-0383]

Collection of Information under Review by Office of Management
and Budget: OMB Control Numbers: 1625-0028, 1625-0034, and 1625-0043

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding three Information Collection Requests (ICRs), abstracted below, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of their approval for the following collections of information: (1) 1625-0028, Course Approval and Records for Merchant Marine Training Schools; (2) 1625-0034, Ships' Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships, and (3) 1625-0043, Ports and Waterways Safety--Title 33 CFR Subchapter P. Our ICRs describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before October 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2008-0383] to the Docket Management Facility (DMF) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) or to OIRA. To avoid duplication, please submit your comments by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronic submission. (a) To Coast Guard docket at <http://www.regulation.gov>. (b) To OIRA by e-mail via: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

(2) Mail or Hand delivery. (a) DMF (M-30), DOT, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand deliver between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) To OIRA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) Fax. (a) To DMF, 202-493-2251. (b) To OIRA at 202-395-6566. To ensure your comments are received in time, mark the fax to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

The DMF maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from Commandant(CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, (Attn: Mr. Arthur Requina), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-475-3523.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3523 or fax 202-475-3929, for questions on these documents. Contact Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202-366-9826, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this information collection request should be granted based on it being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to Coast Guard or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. Comments to Coast Guard must contain the docket number of this request, [USCG 2008-0383]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if they are received on or before October 6, 2008.

Public participation and request for comments: We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. They will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with DOT to use their DMF. Please see the paragraph on DOT's "Privacy Act Policy" below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number [USCG-2008-0383], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an e-mail address, or other contact information in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the DMF at the address under ADDRESSES; but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change the

documents supporting this collection of information or even the underlying requirements in view of them. The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing comments and documents: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> to view documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket. Enter the docket number [USCG-2008-0383] in the Search box, and click, ``Go>>.'' You may also visit the DMF in room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act statement regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has published the 60-day notice (73 FR 29141, May 20, 2008) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That notice elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request

1. Title: Course Approval and Records for Merchant Marine Training Schools.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0028.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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Affected Public: Merchant marine training schools.

Abstract: The information is needed to ensure merchant marine training schools meet minimal statutory requirements. The information is used to approve the curriculum, facility, and faculty for these schools. Section 7315 of 46 U.S.C. authorizes an applicant for a license or document to substitute the completion of an approved course for a portion of the required sea service. Section 10.302 of 46 CFR contains the Coast Guard regulations for course approval.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 27,675 hours to 97,260 hours per year.

2. Title: Ships' Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0034.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Suppliers and manufacturers of hazardous products used on ships.

Abstract: The information is needed to ensure personnel aboard ships are made aware of the proper usage and stowage instructions for certain hazardous materials. Provisions are made for waivers of products in special DOT hazard classes. Section 3306 of 46 U.S.C. authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe regulations for the transportation, stowage, and use of ships' stores and supplies of a dangerous nature. Part 147 of 46 CFR contains the regulations for hazardous ships' stores.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 9 hours to

12 hours per year.

3. Title: Ports and Waterways Safety--Title 33 CFR Subchapter P.
OMB Control Number: 1625-0043.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Master, owner, or agent of a vessel.

Abstract: This collection of information allows the master, owner, or agent of a vessel affected by these rules to request a deviation from the requirements governing navigation safety equipment to the extent that there is no reduction in safety. Provisions in 33 CFR chapter I, subchapter P, allow any person directly affected by the rules therein to request a deviation from any of the requirements as long as it does not compromise safety. This collection enables the Coast Guard to evaluate information the respondent supplies for determination of whether it justifies the request for a deviation.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 3,171 hours to 2,865 hours per year.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

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Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.

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