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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-589, Extension  
of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Request for Comments

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I-  
589, Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal; OMB Control No.  
1615-0067.

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The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information  
collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for  
review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of  
1995. The information collection was previously published in the  
Federal Register on September 3, 2008, at 73 FR 51503, allowing for a  
60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments for  
this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for  
public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until  
December 15, 2008. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR  
1320.10.

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), and to the Office of Information and  
Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk  
Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory  
Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite  
3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via  
facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at [rfs.regs@dhs.gov](mailto:rfs.regs@dhs.gov), and to the  
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Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-6974 or via e-mail at [aira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:aira_submission@omb.eop.gov).

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB  
Control Number 1615-0067 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 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of

the proposed 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: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form I-589. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection will be used to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of deportation in the United States is classifiable as a refugee, and is eligible to remain in the United States.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 63,138 responses at 12 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 757,656 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: November 7, 2008.

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