

Possible Elements to Consider		Examples of how to satisfy element
Subject area	Elements and content	
9. Assessment and Evaluation.	The standard may call for assessments, audits and/or evaluation of disaster/emergency management and business continuity programs. The standard may contain provisions for Periodic Assessment and Performance Evaluation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish metrics and mechanisms by which the organization assesses its ability to achieve the program's goals and objectives on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>2. Determine nonconformities and the manner in which these are dealt with.</li> <li>3. Conduct internal audits of system or programs.</li> <li>4. Plan, coordinate, and conduct tests or exercises.</li> <li>5. Evaluate and document exercise results.</li> <li>6. Review exercise results with management to ensure corrective action is taken.</li> <li>7. Report audits and verification results to chief executive officer.</li> </ol>
10. Continuing Review (ongoing management and maintenance).	<p>The standard may call for a plan for program revision and process improvement, including corrective actions. The standard may contain provisions for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review.</li> <li>2. Maintenance.</li> <li>3. Process improvement.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct management review of programs and/or system to determine its current performance, to ensure its continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness, and to instruct improvements and new directions when found necessary.</li> <li>2. Make provisions for improvement of programs, systems, and/or operational processes.</li> </ol>

Dated: December 18, 2008.

**R. David Paulison,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

#### Intent To Request Renewal From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Department of Homeland Security—Vulnerability Identification Self-Assessment Tool—Transportation (DHS-VISAT-T)

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB control number 1652-0037, abstracted below. TSA plans to submit the renewal request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection involves the voluntary submission of information regarding currently deployed security measures, through a self-assessment tool, from transportation sectors so that TSA can prioritize resources.

**DATES:** Send your comments by February 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to Ginger LeMay, Office of

Information Technology, TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598-6011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Giner LeMay at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227-3616 or e-mail [Ginger.LeMay@dhs.gov](mailto:Ginger.LeMay@dhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;

(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 using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Information Collection Requirement

*OMB Control No. 1652-0037; Department of Homeland Security—Vulnerability Identification Self-*

*Assessment Tool—Transportation (DHS-VISAT-T).* After its inception TSA faced the challenge of enhancing security in all modes within the transportation sector. A methodology was required to support inter- and intra-modal analysis and decision-making. Millions of assets exist within the transportation sector, ranging from over 500,000 highway-bridges and approximately 4,000 mass transit agencies, to over 19,000 general aviation airports. Given this population of assets, in order to prioritize resources, TSA needs to continue to collect data from the asset owners or operators on security measures deployed and their effectiveness.

In response to this need, TSA's Office of Intelligence/Risk Support Division developed the Department of Homeland Security—Vulnerability Identification Self-Assessment Tool—Transportation (DHS-VISAT-T), formerly called the TSA Self-Assessment Risk Module (TSARM), as a means to gather security-related data and provide a cost-free service to the transportation sector. TSA designed this tool to be flexible to support the unique characteristics of each transportation mode, while still providing a common framework from which analysis can be conducted and trends can be identified. Thus far, TSA has developed modules of the tool for maritime, mass transit, highway bridges, and rail passenger stations, with more in development.

DHS-VISAT-T represents the U.S. Government's first self-assessment tool that guides a user through a series of security-related questions to develop a comprehensive baseline evaluation of a transit agency's current level of security. The tool provides the following features:

- The tool is provided to users at no cost;
- The tool is voluntary (potential users contact TSA to access the tool); and
- The tool is Web-based, easily accessible.

Owners and operators within the transportation sector can access information and use the assessment tool by visiting TSA's Web site: <http://www.tsa.gov>. Select the "Our Approach" link at the top tab area, then the "Risk Management" link on the left listing, followed by the "Risk Assessment Tools" link at the bottom of the page under "Additional Information," and finally select one of the following links to the appropriate tool:

- Transportation Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Evaluation Tool.
- Maritime Vulnerability Identification Self-Assessment Tool.
- Mass Transit Vulnerability Identification Self-Assessment Tool.

Upon completion of the tool assessment, users receive a report that summarizes their inputs. They may then use this report to develop a security plan or to identify areas of potential vulnerability. Users have the option to submit the completed assessment to DHS. If submitted, DHS reviews the assessment for consistency and provides feedback to the users. The submission is treated as Sensitive Security Information pursuant to 49 CFR part 1520 and protected accordingly.

TSA is seeking OMB approval to renew this control number for the maximum three-year period to continue to provide this tool to transportation owners and operators so that owners and operators will have the benefits of using the tool, and TSA will have information useful to identifying the most significant risks.

Based on experience to date, TSA expects that approximately 1,000 persons will use the tool annually. The total estimated annual burden hours will be 8,000 based on an estimated 8 hours per respondent.

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**Ginger LeMay,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Declaration of Owner for Merchandise Obtained (Otherwise Than) in Pursuance of a Purchase or Agreement to Purchase and Declaration of Consignee When Entry is Made by an Agent**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice and request for comments; extension of an existing information collection: 1651-0093.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Declaration of Owner for Merchandise Obtained (other than) in Pursuance of a Purchase or Agreement to Purchase and Declaration of Consignee when Entry is Made by an Agent. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 63000) on October 22, 2008, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the

Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 104-13). Your comments should address one 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/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components 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 collections of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

*Title:* Declaration of Owner for Merchandise Obtained (otherwise than) in Pursuance of a Purchase or Agreement to Purchase and Declaration of Consignee When Entry is Made by an Agent.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0093.

*Form Number:* CBP Forms-3347 and 3347A.

*Abstract:* CBP Forms-3347 and 3347A allow an agent to submit, subsequent to making the entry, the declaration of the importer of record that is required by statute. These forms also permit a nominal consignee to file the declaration of the actual owner, and to be relieved of statutory liability for the payment of increased duties.

*Current Actions:* This submission is being made to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,700.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 6 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 570.

If additional information is required contact: Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229, at 202-344-1429.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

**Tracey Denning,**

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