

**Supporting Statement
Cargo Container and Road
Vehicle Certification for Transport under Customs Seal
1651-0124**

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.**

The United States is a signatory to several international Customs conventions and is responsible for specifying the technical requirements that containers and road vehicles must meet to be acceptable for transport under Customs seal. Therefore, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), pursuant to 19 CFR Part 115, shall have the responsibility of collecting information for certifying containers and real vehicles for international transport under Customs seal. A certification of compliance facilitates the movement of containers and road vehicles across international territories. Application for this certification is accomplished on a voluntary basis.

- 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 .**

Under this program, owners and operators will submit the conveyance (containers or vehicles) themselves, or a proposed design, to various appointed certifying authorities for approval. The certification of the conveyance information expedites the movement of merchandise that it contains. If the owner or operator chooses not to use the program, additional time is required for each inspection, therefore causing an additional burden on both the public and CBP inspectors.

- 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 .**

These requirements presently consist of one-time submissions without any format requirements, and in many cases involve a container or vehicle being presented for certification, which would not be appropriate for an automated submission.

- 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 for each submission is unique and is therefore, not duplicated.

- 5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of the OMB Form 83-I), 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.**

Since each certification is submitted only once, this information cannot be conducted less frequently. If the information is not collected, CBP could not carry out its regulatory responsibility.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:**

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 published on January 30, 2009 (Volume 74, Pages 5668 and 5669) and on May 27, 2009 (Volume 74, Page 25273). 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.

There are no assurances of confidentiality provided to the respondents of this information collection.

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
Vehicle Certification for Transport Under Customs Seal (Reporting)	9,000	25	120	3,000	3.0 hours
Vehicle Certification for Transport Under Customs Seal (Recordkeeping)	1,500	25	120	3,000	.5 hours
TOTAL	10,500				3.5 hours

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$294,000. This is based on the estimated burden hours (10,500) multiplied (x) hourly rate (\$28.00).

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

There are no 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.**

There is minimal cost to the Government estimated annual cost to the Federal Government associated with the review of these records is **\$30,502**. This is based on the number of responses (10,500) multiplied by the time spent per response (.083 hours) = a total of 872 hours at an average salary cost (\$35.00 per hour).

- 15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.**

There were no increases or decreased in the burden hours for this information collection.

- 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.

- 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.

