

**Supporting Statement
Ship's Stores Declaration
1651-0018**

A. 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.**

CBP Form 1303, Ship's Stores Declaration, is used by the carriers to declare articles to be retained on board the vessel, such as sea stores, ship's stores (e.g. alcohol and tobacco products), controlled narcotic drugs or bunker fuel in a format that can be readily audited and checked by CBP. The form was developed as a single international standard ship's stores declaration form to replace the different forms used by various countries for the entrance and clearance of vessels. CBP Form 1303 collects information about the ship, the ports of arrival and departure, and the articles on the ship. This form is provided for by 19 CFR 4.7, 4.7a, 4.81, 4.85 and 4.87 and is accessible at:
<http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CPB%20Form%201303.pdf>

- 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 .**

CBP uses this information to keep control over articles in the ship's stores and make sure the proper amount of revenue is collected. This form also gives carriers a method of declaring articles to be retained on board a vessel.

- 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 .**

Currently CBP plans to automate this collection of information as part of the Vessel Management System (VMS), which is intended to combine various vessel entrance and clearance processes. This automation is planned for 2017.

With respect to automating this form using eNOAD, there is currently no link between the information provided in eNOAD, which is a Coast Guard system, and the CBP officers at the ports who need the information on Form 1303. And

even if there was a link, eNOAD doesn't have all the data elements on Form 1303. So for these reasons, CBP does not plan on eliminating the paper Form 1303 until an adequate automated system is in place.

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.

Some of the data elements on Form 1303 may be collected via the eNOAD, which is a Coast Guard system. However this system does not have all of the data elements on this Form, and there is currently no method for CBP officers at the ports to obtain this information via eNOAD.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, 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.

If the collection were collected less frequently CBP would lose control of inventory for ship's stores, sea stores, bunker coal, etc. Also, failure to collect the information would compromise revenue collection.

7. Explain any special circumstances.

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 including a 60-day notice published on April 30, 2015 (Volume 80, Page 24268) on which one comment were received, and a 30-day notice published on August 6, 2015 (Volume 80, Page 46996) on which no comments have been received.

A letter was received from the Lake Carrier's Association which states that the Form 1302 should be retired and replaced by eNOAD or APHIS.

CBP Response: Per 19 CFR 4.7(a) CBP Form 1303 is required as a part of the inward manifest and per regulation is required documentation. Therefore, Form 1303 must be submitted. Otherwise it would be a violation of the applicable regulations.

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 is no PII associated with this information collection. No assurances of confidentiality are provided to respondents.

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
CBP Form 1303	26,000	8,000	13	104,000	15 minutes (.25 hours)

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$1,244,360. This is based on the estimated burden hours (26,000) multiplied times (x) the average hourly rate (\$47.86).

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

There are no record keeping, 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.**

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government associated with the review of these records is \$1,068,986. This is based on the number of responses (104,000) that must be reviewed (x) the time to review and process each response (.166 hours) = 17,264 hours (x) the average hourly rate (\$61.92) = \$1,068,986.

- 15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 12 or 13.**

There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated annual burden hours previously reported for this information collection, and there are no changes to the information being collected.

- 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.