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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0791]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and

Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625-0018

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

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SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request

(ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of

its approval for the following collection of information: 1625-0018,

Official Logbook; without change. Our ICR describes the information we

seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA,

the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 6,

2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket

number [USCG-2108-0791] to the Coast Guard using the Federal

eRulemaking Portal at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/). See the ``Public

participation and request for comments'' portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY

INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.

 A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the internet

at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/). Additionally, copies are available from:

Commandant (CG-612), Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Manager, U.S. Coast

Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7710, Washington, DC

20593-7710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of

Information Management, telephone 202-475-3532, or fax 202-372-8405,

for questions on these documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

 This Notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act

of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to

OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard

collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information

describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on

the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection,

and other important information describing the Collection. There is one

ICR for each Collection.

 The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be

granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper

performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard

would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the

Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection;

(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information

subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the

Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology. In response to

your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an

extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments

and material received during the comment period.

 We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments

and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of

the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG-2018-0791], and

must be received by November 6, 2018.

Submitting Comments

 We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking

Portal at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/). If your material cannot be

submitted using [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/), contact the person in the

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document for alternate

instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public

comments, are in our online docket at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) and

can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally,

if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will

be notified when comments are posted.

 We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted

without change to [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) and will include any

personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the

docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal

Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the Federal

Register (70 FR 15086).

Information Collection Request

 Title: Official Logbook.

 OMB Control Number: 1625-0018.

 Summary: The Official Logbook contains information about the

voyage, the vessel's crew, drills, watches, and operations conducted

during the voyage. Official Logbook entries identify particulars of the

voyage, including the name of the ship, official number, port of

registry, tonnage, names and merchant mariner credential numbers of the

master and crew, the nature of the voyage, and class of ship. In

addition, it also contains entries for the vessel's drafts, maintenance

of watertight integrity of the ship, drills and inspections, crew list

and report of character, a summary of laws applicable to Official

Logbooks, and miscellaneous entries.

 Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 11301, 11302, 11303, and 11304 require

applicable merchant vessels to maintain an Official Logbook. The

Official Logbook contains information about the vessel, voyage, crew,

and watch. Lack of these particulars would make it difficult for a

seaman to verify vessel employment and wages, and for the Coast Guard

to verify compliance with laws and regulations concerning vessel

operations and safety procedures. The Official Logbook serves as an

official record of recordable events transpiring at sea such as births,

deaths, marriages, disciplinary actions, etc. Absent the Official

Logbook, there would be no official civil record of these events. The

courts accept log entries as proof that the logged event occurred. If

this information was not collected, the Coast Guard's commercial vessel

safety program would be negatively impacted, as there would be no

official record of U.S. merchant vessel voyages. Similarly, those

seeking to prove that an event required to be logged occurred would not

have an official record available.

 Forms: CG-706B, Official Logbook.

 Respondents: Shipping companies.

 Frequency: On occasion.

 Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated annual burden remains at 1,750

hours a year.

 Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35, as amended.

 Dated: August 30, 2018.

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U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Information Management.

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