

# **Cruise Operator COVID-19 Response Plans**

Request for OMB approval of a New Information Collection

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## **Supporting Statement B**

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**B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

No statistical methods are used in this data collection.

**1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods**

The respondent universe for this requirement is cruise ships, as defined here:

All commercial, non-cargo passenger-carrying vessels operating in international, interstate, or intrastate waterways and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States with the capacity to carry 250 or more individuals (passengers and crew) with an itinerary anticipating an overnight stay onboard or a twenty-four (24) hour stay onboard for either passengers or crew.

**2. Procedures for the Collection of Information**

As a condition of the granting of controlled free pratique to continue to engage in any cruise ship operations in any international, interstate, or intrastate waterways subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, the cruise ship operator shall present the plan, upon request, to U.S. Coast Guard and HHS/CDC personnel.

**3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with No Response**

The submission of a plan to address the spread of COVID-19 onboard cruise ships will be a requirement to conduct operations within U.S. jurisdictions. If there is not a response to HHS/CDC or U.S. Coast Guard personnel who request the plan, the ship will not be allowed to operate.

**4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken**

There have been no tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. This is a new requirement. However, CDC’s Vessel Sanitation Program requires cruise ships to produce certain records in the event of an inspection, so this is not a wholly new type of requirement.

## **5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data**

No statistical methods are used in this data collection. Therefore, no individuals were consulted.