

**Supporting Statement  
Crew's Effects Declaration  
1651-0020**

**A. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

- 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 1304, *Crew's Effects Declaration*, was developed through an agreement by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) in conjunction with the United States and various other countries. The form is used as part of the entrance and clearance of vessels pursuant to the provisions of 19 CFR 4.7 and 4.7a, 19 USC 1431, and 19 USC 1434. CBP Form 1304 is completed by the master of the arriving carrier to record and list the crew's effects that are onboard the vessel. This form is accessible at <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=1304>.

- 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 Form 1304 is used by CBP to account for crew's effects onboard arriving vessels and to assess duties, if appropriate.

- 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.**

CBP is working to automate all forms, including CBP Form 1304, required for the entrance and clearance of vessels. Automation will allow for prepopulating of all forms from currently operational CBP systems, eliminating the need for duplicate submissions of date. As of October/November 2020 there is no expected change to the current use of the CBP form 1304.

- 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 is not duplicated in any other place or any other form.

**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, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

If this information were not collected, CBP would be unable to assess duties, which would result in loss of revenue.

**7. Explain any special circumstances.**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.6.

**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 August 7, 2020 (Volume 85 FR Page 47975) on which no comments were received and a 30-day notice published on October 21, 2020 (Volume 85, Page 67006) **on which no comments have been 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.**

A PIA for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), dated July 31, 2015, and a SORN for IIS, dated July 26, 2016 (Vol. 81, Page 48826) will be included in this ICR. 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.**

FORM	TOTAL ANNUAL HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL ANNUAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
1304	188,928	2,624	72	188,928	60 minutes

**Public Cost**

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$10,022,630. This is based on the estimated burden hours (188,928) multiplied by the average loaded hourly wage rate for captains, mates, and pilots of water vessels (\$53.05). CBP calculated this loaded wage rate by first multiplying the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) 2019 median hourly wage rate for Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels (\$34.78) by the ratio of BLS’ average 2019 total compensation to wages and salaries for Transportation and Material Moving occupations (1.5252), the assumed occupational group for captains, mates, and pilots of water vessels, to account for non-salary employee benefits.<sup>1</sup> This figure is in 2019 U.S. dollars and CBP assumes an annual growth rate of 0 percent; the 2019 U.S. dollar value is equal to the 2020 U.S. dollar value.

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

There are no capitalization or start-up costs associated with this collection.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also**

<sup>1</sup> Source of median wage rate: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment Statistics, “May 2019 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates United States.” Updated March 31, 2020. Available at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/2019/may/oes\\_nat.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/2019/may/oes_nat.htm). Accessed June 12, 2020. The total compensation to wages and salaries ratio is equal to the calculated average of the 2019 quarterly estimates (shown under Mar., June, Sep., Dec.) of the total compensation cost per hour worked for Transportation and Material Moving occupations (\$30.3550) divided by the calculated average of the 2019 quarterly estimates (shown under Mar., June, Sep., Dec.) of wages and salaries cost per hour worked for the same occupation category (\$19.9025). Source of total compensation to wages and salaries ratio data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation Historical Listing March 2004 – December 2019, “Table 3. Civilian workers, by occupational group: employer costs per hours worked for employee compensation and costs as a percentage of total compensation, 2004-2019.” March 2020. Available at <https://www.bls.gov/web/ecec/ececqrtn.pdf>. Accessed June 12, 2020.

**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 \$9,283,922. This is based on the number of responses that must be reviewed (188,928) multiplied by the time burden to review and process each response (.75 hours) = 141,696 hours multiplied by the average hourly loaded rate for a CBP Officer ( $\$65.52$ )<sup>2</sup> = \$9,283,922.

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

There is a reduction in burden hours due to a reduction in the number of respondents and responses. There is no change 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 for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

CBP will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

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.

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<sup>2</sup> CBP bases this wage on the FY 2020 salary and benefits of the national average of CBP Officer Positions, which is equal to a GS-11, Step 7. Source: Email correspondence with CBP's Office of Finance on July 2, 2020.