

public pilot. Initially, the pilot will begin at one of several ports where VECS has been internally tested. CBP will provide training to each CBP port and the Vessel Agency personnel at each port, prior to beginning/expanding the public pilot in another port.

The VECS public pilot will expand to other internal CBP testing ports based on knowledge and familiarity with the system. The VECS public pilot will continue to expand to additional ports, in an effort to progressively test and implement the system nationwide. There will be no change to the paper format of CBP Form 1300, and CBP Form 1300 in paper format will continue to be accepted.

*Type of Information Collection:* Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement (CBP Form 1300).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,624.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 72.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 188,928.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes (0.5 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 94,464.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0105]

#### Application To Use Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice and request for comments; Revision of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than April 13, 2022) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, Telephone number 202-325-0056 or via email [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov). Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511, (TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 63037) on November 15, 2021, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be

summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

*Title:* Application to use Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

*OMB Number:* 1651-0105.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Current Actions:* Revision of an existing collection of information.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Abstract:* The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) is a trade data processing system that is replacing the Automated Commercial System (ACS), the current import system for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations. ACE is authorized by Executive Order 13659 which mandates implementation of a Single Window through which businesses will transmit data required by participating agencies for the importation or exportation of cargo. *See* 79 FR 10655 (February 25, 2014). ACE supports government agencies and the trade community with border-related missions with respect to moving goods across the border efficiently and securely. Once ACE is fully implemented, all related CBP trade functions and the trade community will be supported from a single common user interface.

To establish an ACE Portal account, participants submit information such as their name, their employer identification number (EIN) or social security number (SSN), and if applicable, a statement certifying their capability to connect to the internet. This information is submitted through the ACE Secure Data Portal which is accessible at: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated>.

*Please Note:* A CBP-assigned number may be provided in lieu of your SSN. If you have an EIN, that number will automatically be used and no CBP number will be assigned. A CBP-assigned number is for CBP use only.

There is a standalone capability for electronically filing protests in ACE. This capability is available for participants who have not established ACE Portal Accounts for other trade activities, but desire to file protests electronically. A protest is a procedure whereby a private party may administratively challenge a CBP decision regarding imported merchandise and certain other CBP decisions. Trade members can establish a protest filer account in ACE through a separate application and the submission of specific data elements. *See* 81 FR 57928 (August 24, 2016).

**Proposed Changes**

*1. New ACE Account Type*

CBP is creating a new ACE Account type for ACE Import Trade Carriers and their designees. This new account type, Vessel Agency, enables users to file vessel entrance, clearance, and related data to CBP electronically through the new Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS).

The ACE Account Application will be changed to collect identifying information such as name, employer identification number (EIN), company address, and phone numbers, to be used to setup the Vessel Agency accounts. Users who create a Vessel Agency Account are automatically enrolled into the VECS public pilot.

*2. Removing ACE Account Types*

In a separate action, unrelated to the Vessel Agency account type creation, CBP will also be removing account types “Cartman” and “Lighterman” from the ACE Account Application. These account types were never used and are being removed due to that lack of use.

*Type of Information Collection:* Application to ACE (Import).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 21,571.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 21,571.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes (0.33 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7,118.

*Type of Information Collection:* Application to ACE (Export).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 9,000.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 9,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 minutes (0.066 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 594.

*Type of Information Collection:* Application to Establish an ACE Protest Filer Account.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,750.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 3,750.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 minutes (0.066 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 248.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-6312-N-01]

**Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2022, is 1½ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2022, is 17⁄8 percent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Olazabal, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 5146, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 402-4608 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance,

whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD’s regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2022, is 17⁄8 percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 17⁄8 percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2022. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the first 6 months of 2022).

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9½	Jan. 1, 1980 ...	July 1, 1980.
97⁄8	July 1, 1980 ....	Jan. 1, 1981.
11¾	Jan. 1, 1981 ....	July 1, 1981.
127⁄8	July 1, 1981 ....	Jan. 1, 1982.
12¾	Jan. 1, 1982 ....	Jan. 1, 1983.
10¼	Jan. 1, 1983 ....	July 1, 1983.
103⁄8	July 1, 1983 ....	Jan. 1, 1984.
11½	Jan. 1, 1984 ....	July 1, 1984.
133⁄8	July 1, 1984 ....	Jan. 1, 1985.
115⁄8	Jan. 1, 1985 ....	July 1, 1985.
111⁄8	July 1, 1985 ....	Jan. 1, 1986.
10¼	Jan. 1, 1986 ....	July 1, 1986.
8¼	July 1, 1986 ....	Jan. 1, 1987.
8	Jan. 1, 1987 ...	July 1, 1987.
9	July 1, 1987 ....	Jan. 1, 1988.
9½	Jan. 1, 1988 ...	July 1, 1988.
93⁄8	July 1, 1988 ...	Jan. 1, 1989.
9¼	Jan. 1, 1989 ...	July 1, 1989.
9	July 1, 1989 ...	Jan. 1, 1990.
81⁄8	Jan. 1, 1990 ...	July 1, 1990.
9	July 1, 1990 ...	Jan. 1, 1991.
8¾	Jan. 1, 1991 ...	July 1, 1991.
8½	July 1, 1991 ...	Jan. 1, 1992.
8	Jan. 1, 1992 ...	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992 ...	Jan. 1, 1993.
7¾	Jan. 1, 1993 ...	July 1, 1993.