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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0139]

#### Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS)

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

**ACTION:** 60-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 January 18, 2022) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651-0139 in the subject line and the agency name. Please use the following method to submit comments:

*Email:* Submit comments to: [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov).

Due to COVID-19-related restrictions, CBP has temporarily suspended its ability to receive public comments by mail.

#### **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 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:* Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS).

*OMB Number:* 1651-0139.

*Form Number:* N/A.

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

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Abstract:* DHS developed the Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS) to assure robust screening of foreign nationals prior to travel to the United States. EVUS provides for robust traveler screening and verification to better identify foreign nationals who may be inadmissible to the United States. This results in enhanced national security, improved public safety, and a reduced number of delays upon arrival in the United States, all while facilitating legitimate travel.

Initially, the program is limited to nonimmigrant aliens presenting passports issued by the People's Republic of China (PRC) containing unrestricted, maximum validity B-1 (business visitor), B-2 (visitor for pleasure), or combination B-1/B-2 visas, generally valid for 10 years. PRC membership in EVUS became possible on November 12, 2014, when, in a reciprocal agreement, the U.S. Department of State expanded the validity of U.S. visitor visas issued to PRC nationals from one to ten years.

To ensure compliance with the Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015, Public Law 114-113, 129 Stat. 2242, CBP will continuously update the application question with the list of nationals ineligible from traveling to the United States, as designated in accordance with section 217(a)(12) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(12)).

#### *Recent Changes*

On May 31, 2019, the Department of State updated its immigrant and nonimmigrant visa application forms to request additional information, specifically social media identifiers, from most U.S. visa applicants worldwide. As a result, DHS is changing the EVUS application social media data field from optional to mandatory. National security is the top priority when adjudicating EVUS applications, and every prospective traveler to the United States undergoes extensive security screening. CBP is continually working to find mechanisms to improve our screening processes to protect U.S. visitors while supporting legitimate travel to the United States. DHS already requests information on contacts, travel history, and family members from all EVUS applicants. Changing the social media field to mandatory in the EVUS application will enhance our vetting capabilities and assist in confirming applicants' identities. While the field is

mandatory, applicants will still have the ability to select “none”.

*Type of Information Collection:*  
EVUS.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
3,595,904.

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

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 3,595,904.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 25 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,499,492.

Dated: November 15, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0111]

#### Arrival and Departure Record, Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure, Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)

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

**ACTION:** 60-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 January 18, 2022) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651-0111 in the subject line and the agency name. Please use the following method to submit comments:

*Email:* Submit comments to: [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov).

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#### 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 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:* Arrival and Departure Record, Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure, Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA).

*OMB Number:* 1651-0111.

*Form Number:* CBP Forms I-94 and I-94W.

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

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Abstract:* Forms I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) and I-94W (Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Record) are used to document a traveler's admission into the United States. These forms are filled out by non-immigrants and are used to collect information on citizenship, residency, passport, and contact information. The data elements collected on these forms enable the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to perform its mission related to the screening of noncitizen visitors for potential risks to national security and the determination of admissibility to the United States.

The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) applies to non-immigrants seeking to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and requires that VWP travelers provide information electronically to CBP before embarking on travel to the United States without a visa. Travelers who are entering the United States under the VWP in the air or sea environment, and who have a travel authorization obtained through ESTA, are not required to complete the paper Form I-94W. I-94 is provided for by 8 CFR 235.1(h), ESTA is provided for by 8 CFR 217.5.

On December 18, 2015, the President signed into law the Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015 (“VWP Improvement Act”) as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114-113, 129 Stat. 2242. To meet the requirements of this new act, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, or the Department) strengthened the security of the VWP through enhancements to the ESTA applications and to the Form I-94W, Form I-94 is not affected by this change. Many of the provisions of the new law became effective on the date of enactment of the VWP Improvement Act. The VWP Improvement Act generally makes certain nationals of VWP countries ineligible (with some exceptions) from traveling to the United States under the VWP. To ensure compliance with the VWP Improvement Act, CBP will continuously update the application question with the list of nationals ineligible from traveling to the United States, as designated in accordance with section 217(a)(12) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(12)).

#### Recent Changes

1. *Mandatory Social Media Collection:* On May 31, 2019, the Department of State updated its immigrant and nonimmigrant visa application forms to request additional information,