

to lack of specificity or lack of compliance with applicable regulations.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

For records covered by the Privacy Act or covered JRA records, individuals may make a request for amendment or correction of a record of the Department about the individual by writing directly to the Department component that maintains the record, unless the record is not subject to amendment or correction. The request should identify each particular record in question, state the amendment or correction desired, and state why the individual believes that the record is not accurate, relevant, timely, or complete. The individual may submit any documentation that would be helpful. If the individual believes that the same record is in more than one system of records, the request should state that and be addressed to each component that maintains a system of records containing the record.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

See "Record Access Procedures" above.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. USCIS-2019-0019]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Rescindment of a System of Records notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is giving notice that it is rescinding the following Privacy Act system of records notices, "Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)-002 Background Check Service System of Records" and "DHS/USCIS-003 Biometric Storage System" and has consolidated both system of record notices into "DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check Records System of Records," (July 31, 2018, 83 FR 36950).

DATES: These changes will take effect upon publication.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number USCIS-2019-0019 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-343-4010.
- *Mail:* Jonathan R. Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528-0655.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number USCIS-2019-0019. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact: Donald K. Hawkins, USCIS.PrivacyCompliance@uscis.dhs.gov, (202) 272-8030, Privacy Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529. For privacy questions, please contact: Jonathan R. Cantor, Privacy@hq.dhs.gov, (202) 343-1717, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528-0655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and as part of its ongoing integration and management efforts, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is rescinding the system of records notices, "DHS/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)-002 Background Check Service System of Records," (June 5, 2007, 72 FR 31082) and "DHS/USCIS-003 Biometric Storage System," (April 6, 2007, 72 FR 17172), and has consolidated both system of records notices into "DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check Records System of Records," (July 31, 2018, 83 FR 36950).

USCIS will continue to collect and maintain biometric and associated biographic information to assist USCIS with determining an individual's eligibility for an immigration request. USCIS captures biographic and biometric data from applicants, petitioners, sponsors, beneficiaries, or other individuals making immigration requests, to facilitate three key operational functions: (1) Enroll, verify,

and manage an individual's identity; (2) conduct criminal and national security background checks; and (3) produce benefit cards/documents as a proof of benefit. USCIS also uses the information to support data sharing initiatives between DHS components, other U.S. Government agencies and foreign partners in order to prevent terrorism, including terrorist travel; prevent serious crime and other threats to national security and public safety; and assist in the administration and enforcement of immigration laws.

DHS/USCIS-002 covered the collection, use, maintenance, and dissemination of information derived from background check requests and results of individuals seeking USCIS benefits, including individuals over the age of 18 residing in a prospective adoptive parent's household. DHS/USCIS-003 covered the collection, use, maintenance, and dissemination of all biometric and associated biographic data used by USCIS to conduct background checks, facilitate card production, and accurately identify individuals who submit an immigration request. USCIS uses these records to assist it with making eligibility determinations, which will result in the approval or denial of an immigration request.

As such, DHS will continue to collect and maintain biometric and associated biographic information to assist USCIS with determining an individual's eligibility for an immigration request, and will rely upon DHS/USCIS-018.

Rescinding DHS/USCIS-002 and DHS/USCIS-003 and consolidating into the new system of records notice will have no adverse impacts on individuals, but will provide transparency and promote the overall streamlining and management of DHS Privacy Act record systems.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Department of Homeland Security/ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-002 Background Check Service System of Records and Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-003 Biometric Storage System.

HISTORY:

Department of Homeland Security/ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-002 Background Check Service System of Records, (June 5, 2007, 72 FR 31082), and Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-003 Biometric

Storage System, (April 6, 2007, 72 FR 17172).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2019-0061]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposes to establish a new DHS system of records titled, “DHS/ALL-045 Statistical Immigration Data Production and Reporting System of Records.” This system of records allows DHS/Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS) to collect and maintain records on members of the public for whom federal agencies have collected information related to individuals’ interactions with the immigration system. Information collected includes that pertaining to the granting of immigration requests, such as nonimmigrant admissions, grants of lawful permanent residence, changes in legal status, and naturalizations, as well as information related to the enforcement of immigration law, from across DHS and other federal immigration agencies. Additionally, DHS is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to exempt this system of records from certain provisions of the Privacy Act, elsewhere in the **Federal Register**.

This newly established system will be included in DHS’s inventory of record systems.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 10, 2020. This new system will be effective upon publication. Routine uses will be effective April 10, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2019-0061 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-343-4010.
- *Mail:* Jonathan R. Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528-0655.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number DHS-2019-0061. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general and privacy questions, please contact: Jonathan R. Cantor, (202) 343-1717, Privacy@hq.dhs.gov, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528-0655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposes to establish a new DHS system of records titled, “Department of Homeland Security/ALL-045 Statistical Immigration Data Production and Reporting System of Records.” Federal statutes, including the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, as amended, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, as well as Executive Orders and congressional mandates, require DHS’s Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS) to regularly prepare an extensive series of analytical and statistical reports on border security, immigration enforcement activities, refugee and asylum claims, and other immigration events. For instance, in December 2015, Congress’s explanatory statement accompanying DHS’s 2016 appropriations legislation specifically directed the DHS Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (which includes OIS), to report on the “enforcement lifecycle,” defined as “the full scope of immigration enforcement activities, from encounter to final disposition, including the use of prosecutorial discretion.” Further, Congress directed that “[a]ll data necessary to support a better picture of this lifecycle and the Department’s effectiveness in enforcing immigration laws shall be considered and prioritized, including appropriate data collected by the [Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)] at the Department of Justice [DOJ].”

Fulfilling these mandates requires OIS to collect data related to the granting of immigration requests, such as nonimmigrant admissions, grants of lawful permanent residence, changes in legal status, naturalizations, and information related to the enforcement of immigration law, from across DHS

and other federal immigration agencies. These data contain both personally identifiable information (PII) and sensitive PII (SPII). OIS is establishing this system of records notice (SORN) to inform the public of its collection and use of PII to create its statistical products.

DHS’s immigration Components and other federal immigration agencies initially collect this data for operational purposes in accordance to their own mission and authorities. While the data that are first collected for operations purposes are covered by their respective SORNs, OIS is developing its own SORN to cover the records it creates and has aggregated as they enter OIS’s analytical environment. Once in this environment, OIS processes the records in preparation for use in statistical analysis. Analyses may include merging of records from these distinct data systems to create new records.

Data within this system of records are intended only for analytical and statistical purposes, and are not intended for operational uses. This is reflected in the routine uses, which allow for the use of and sharing of data in this system of records solely for these purposes.

Consistent with DHS’s information sharing mission, information stored in the DHS/ALL-045 Statistical Immigration Data Production and Reporting System of Records may be shared with other DHS Components that have a need to know the information to carry out their national security, law enforcement, immigration, intelligence, or other homeland security functions, except for data that the DHS Information Sharing and Safeguarding Governance Board (ISSGB) has granted a waiver from this requirement on behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security. In addition, DHS/OIS may share information with appropriate federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international government agencies consistent with the routine uses set forth in this system of records notice.

This newly established system will be included in DHS’s inventory of record systems.

II. Privacy Act

The Privacy Act embodies fair information practice principles in a statutory framework governing the means by which Federal Government agencies collect, maintain, use, and disseminate individuals’ records. The Privacy Act applies to information that is maintained in a “system of records.” A “system of records” is a group of any records under the control of an agency from which information is retrieved by