

Items To Declare Queue

Travelers with items to declare enter the *Items to Declare* queue and present before a CBP officer to make an oral declaration. The CBP officer makes a determination if duty is owed by the traveler or if additional inspection is warranted. The CBP officer then directs the traveler accordingly.

Referral to Secondary Inspection

If a traveler is referred to secondary inspection at any point, CBP officers will follow standard procedures, including collecting an oral and/or written declaration during the referral and inspection. CBP officers will also follow current agency policy on declaration amendment opportunities.

Test Period and Participants

As indicated in the 2021 notice, the Declaration Zone test was set to begin no earlier than September 27, 2021, and run for approximately two years, initially at two sea POEs, Miami, Florida, and Bayonne, New Jersey. 86 FR 48436–7. The 2021 notice stated that the start date may vary at each location in accordance with the resumption of passenger operations suspended due to the COVID–19 pandemic. 86 FR 48437. Also, as indicated in the 2021 notice, the test is currently restricted to closed loop cruises participating in the voluntary facial biometric debarkation (FBD) program. 86 FR 48437.

Extension of the Declaration Zone Test Period and Expansion of the Declaration Zone Test

Extension of the Test Period

Based on limited cruise line operations and the suspension of passenger operations due to the COVID–19 pandemic, CBP was not able to implement the Declaration Zone test until May 2022 in Bayonne and July 2022 in Miami. Due to this postponement, CBP is extending the Declaration Zone test for an additional two years until October 16, 2025, to properly assess and evaluate the impact of the new form of declaration.

Expansion of the Test

Additional Sea POEs

In addition to the extension of the test period, to better evaluate the Declaration Zone test, CBP also intends to expand the Declaration Zone test to cruise terminal facilities at up to eighteen additional sea POE locations. CBP will only expand the Declaration Zone test to cruise terminal facilities at sea POEs with the sufficient space and infrastructure to accommodate queuing for processing through a Declaration

Zone. CBP Headquarters will communicate with each Field Office and POE with cruise terminal facilities meeting these criteria and advise of the option to have a Declaration Zone test at their respective terminal(s). As provided in the 2021 notice, once a new location is identified, CBP will announce the expansion on the public facing CBP website, <https://www.cbp.gov>, notifying the traveling public of the implementation of demonstrative declarations upon arrival into the United States at that particular sea POE. 86 FR 48437.

Eligible Open Loop Cruises

Additionally, CBP is expanding the Declaration Zone test to travelers being processed in Simplified Arrival for open loop cruises. When the Declaration Zone test was initially announced in 2021, it was limited to passengers on closed loop cruises processed in FBD. FBD is the facial biometric solution for processing arriving cruise passengers on closed loop cruises, whereas Simplified Arrival is an equivalent facial biometric solution for processing arriving cruise passengers on open loop cruises.¹ The test will no longer be restricted to closed loop cruises and will expand to open loop cruises participating in Simplified Arrival no sooner than October 1, 2023. The expansion date may vary at each location.

Authorization for the Test

The test described in the 2021 notice² and extended and expanded by this notice is authorized pursuant to 19 CFR 101.9(a), which allows the Commissioner of CBP to impose requirements different from those specified in the CBP Regulations for purposes of conducting a test program or procedure designed to evaluate the effectiveness of new operational procedures regarding the processing of passengers. This test is authorized pursuant to this regulation as it is designed to evaluate whether allowing a demonstrative initial declaration is a feasible way to fulfill the declaration requirement and allow for streamlined processing.

Waiver of Certain Regulatory Requirements

CBP regulations require each traveler to provide an oral or written declaration

¹ Simplified Arrival is an enhanced international arrival process that uses facial biometrics to automate the manual document checks that are already required for admission into the United States. More information on CBP's use of facial biometrics to secure and streamline travel can be found at <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/biometrics>.

² 86 FR 48437.

of all articles brought into the United States to a CBP officer. See 19 CFR 148.12 and 148.13. The test described in the 2021 notice³ and extended and expanded by this notice provides arriving travelers with an alternative method to meet this requirement by allowing a demonstrative initial declaration. All other requirements of 19 CFR part 148, subpart B, regarding declarations, including those provided by 19 CFR 148.18, regarding failure to declare, and 19 CFR 148.19, regarding false or fraudulent statements, still apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0099]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for T Nonimmigrant Status

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

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2006–0059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy,

³ 86 FR 48437.

Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommies, Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 2023, at 88 FR 48488, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive two comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS-2006-0059 in the search box. The comments submitted to USCIS via this method are visible to the Office of Management and Budget and comply with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.12(c). All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate 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) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for T Nonimmigrant Status.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-914; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households; Federal Government; or State, local or Tribal Government. The information on all three parts of the form will be used to determine whether applicants meet the eligibility requirements for benefits. This application incorporates information pertinent to eligibility under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA), Public Law 106-386, and a request for employment.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-914 is 3,432 and the estimated hour burden per response is 2.63 hours. The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-914A is 1,720 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.083 hours. The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-914B is 2402 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3.83 hours. The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection of biometrics is 5,152 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 21,517 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$5,905,400.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

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Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0069]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Application by Refugee for Waiver of Inadmissibility Grounds

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

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted November 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2006-0042. All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0069 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2006-0042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommies, Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the