

**Supporting Statement**  
**African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Textile Certificate of**  
**Origin**  
**1651-0082**

**A. Justification**

- 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.**

The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA or Act) was adopted by the U.S. with the enactment of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (PL.106-200). The objectives of AGOA are (1) to provide for extension of duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to import sensitive articles normally excluded from GSP duty treatment, and (2) to provide for the entry of certain eligible textile and apparel articles free of duty and free of any quantitative limits from the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

For preferential treatment of textile and apparel articles under AGOA, the exporter or producer or by the exporter's or producer's authorized agent having knowledge of the facts is required to prepare a certificate of origin and provide it to the importer. The certificate of origin includes information such as contact information for the importer, exporter and producer; the basis for which preferential treatment is claimed; and a description of the imported merchandise. The importers are required to have the certificate in their possession at the time of the claim, and to provide it to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) upon request. The collection of this information is provided for in 19 CFR 10.214, 10.215, and 10.216.

Instructions for complying with this regulation are posted on CBP.gov website at: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/rulings/informed-compliance-publications>

This collection of information applies to the importing and trade community who are familiar with import procedures and with the CBP regulations.

- 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.**

This information is used to review the AGOA eligibility of the imported products by CBP officers during verifications of duty-free claims made under the African Growth and Opportunity Act on imports of textile goods.

- 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.**

This information can be submitted electronically via the Document Image System (DIS) into the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

- 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.**

If this information was not collected, CBP would not be able to ensure that duty-free or reduced-duty treatment is provided on imported goods under the Act.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

- 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, a 60-day notice published on September 29, 2025 (90 FR 46621) on which no comments were received and a 30-day notice published on May 6, 2026 (91 FR 24556). On which no comments were 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 Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system, (dated July 14, 2006, and subsequent updates)<sup>1</sup>, and a System of Record Notice (SORN) for Import Information System, dated July 26, 2016 (Vol. 81, Page 48826)<sup>2</sup>, will be included in this ICR. No assurances of confidentiality are provided to respondents.

**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.**

INFORMATION COLLECTION	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
AGOA TEXTILE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN	2	5	1	5	20 minutes

**Public Cost**

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$73.14. This is based on the estimated burden hours (2) multiplied by the average loaded hourly wage rate for importers (\$36.57). CBP calculated this loaded wage rate by first multiplying the Bureau of

1 See DHS/CBP/PIA-003 Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) and subsequent updates, available at: <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/filing-data-acsace>.

2 See DHS/CBP-001 Import Information System (IIS) System of Record Notice (SORN), available at: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/DHS-2016-0048-0001>.



There has been a decrease in the previously reported burden hours for this information collection. The number of respondents has been adjusted to reflect current numbers 68 to 5 (a decrease 63) resulting in a reduction of burden hours from 23 to 2 hours (a decrease of 21). There is no change to the information collected or method of collection.

**16. For collections 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, explain the reasons that displaying the expiration date would be inappropriate.**

This collection of information does not involve a form, so it would not be appropriate to display the expiration date.

**18. "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."**

CBP does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.