

**Supporting Statement  
for  
Intermodal Container Inspection Program**

OMB No.: 1625-0129  
COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS: CG-5577, CG-5577A, CG-5577B & Instructions

**A. Justification**

1) Circumstances which make the collection of information necessary.

Under the National Container Inspection Program (NCIP), Coast Guard personnel inspect intermodal containers and cargo within containers to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and to promote maritime safety, security, and stewardship for U.S. ports and waterways. Specifically, the Coast Guard inspects containers for compliance with the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Law (FHMTL) (see 49 CFR Parts 107-180) and the International Safe Container Act of 1977 (ISCA) (see 49 CFR Parts 450-453).

The statutory authority is 46 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) 80501-80509 and 49 U.S.C. 5101-5127.

2) Purposes of the information collection.

The information is used by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with domestic and international container and cargo standards. Cargo incidents, especially those involving hazardous materials, threaten the public, mariners, port workers, the environment, and they can disrupt the marine transportation system. The Coast Guard also inspects containers of general cargo to ensure hazardous materials are not being illegally shipped. Undeclared or improperly shipped hazardous materials are often the cause of severe and high-profile transportation incidents.

The forms associated with this collection are—

<b>Form #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Burden / Response</b>
CG-5577	Intermodal Container Inspection Report	6 min.
CG-5577A	Intermodal Container Non-Deficiency Inspection Report	6 min.
CG-5577B	Intermodal Container Targeted Inspection Report	3 min.

The Coast Guard issues a form CG-5577 when an inspector finds container deficiencies. The Coast Guard issues a form CG-5577A when an inspector finds no container deficiencies. The Coast Guard issues a form CG-5577B when an inspector identifies containers for inspection at a future date/time.

3) Considerations of the use of improved technology.

Coast Guard-issued (hard copy) container forms are produced on site and provided to respondents. We estimate that 0% of the recordkeeping requirements are electronically.

4) Efforts to identify duplication.

There is no State or local agency that requires this information collection. The Coast Guard has worked to minimize any duplication of information collection efforts by the government. The information collected from this effort may be used by other agencies in support of their own goals.

5) Methods to minimize burden to small businesses involved.

This collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6) Consequences to the Federal program if the collection was conducted less frequently.

If Coast Guard-issued container forms are not provided to the facility operator following an inspection, then respondents may not be aware of successful compliance inspections or of deficiencies that require correction. Less frequent collection is not acceptable for the administration of the NCIP.

7) Special collection circumstances.

This information collection is conducted in a manner consistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8) Consultation.

A 60-day Notice was published in the Federal Register to obtain public comment on this collection (See [USCG-2025-0342]; December 1, 2025, 90 FR 55146) and 30-Day Notice (May 14, 2026 91 FR 27360) were published in the Federal Register to obtain public comment on this collection. The Coast Guard has not received any comments on this information collection.

9) Provide any payments or gifts to respondents.

There is no offer of monetary or material value for this information collection.

10) Describe any assurances of confidentiality provided to respondents.

There are no assurances of confidentiality provided to the respondents for this information collection. This information collection request is covered by the Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and System of Records Notice (SORN). Links to the MISLE PIA and SORN are provided below:

- [https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/privacy\\_pia\\_uscg\\_misle.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/privacy_pia_uscg_misle.pdf)
- <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-06-25/html/E9-14906.htm>

11) Additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature.

There are no questions of sensitive language.

12) Estimates of annual hour and cost burdens to respondents.

- The estimated annual number of respondents is 339.
- The estimated annual number of responses is 9,500.
- The estimated annual hour burden is 770 hours.
- The estimated annual cost burden is \$95,480.

The burden to respondents is provided in Appendix A. The Coast Guard estimated the number of forms issued, based on the percentage of container inspections conducted. For form CG-5577 we used 8%; and for forms CG-5577A and CG-5577B we used 12.5%. All estimated are rounded to the nearest hundred. Additionally, we estimate that it takes a Container Facility Representative about 6 minutes (0.1 hours) for recordkeeping of an Intermodal Container Inspection Report; about 6 minutes (0.1 hours) for recordkeeping of an Intermodal Container Non-Deficiency Inspection Report; and about 3 minutes (0.05 hours) for recordkeeping of an Intermodal Container Targeted Inspection Report. For the wage rate, we used the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage rate for Industrial Production Managers (11-3051) [May 2024, mean hourly wage, load factor 2.0, and rounded].<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://data.bls.gov/oes/##/industry/000000> (accessed 09/05/2025).

13) Total annualized capital and start-up costs.

There are no estimated capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection.

14) Estimates of annualized Federal Government cost.

The estimated annual Federal Government cost is \$136,800 (see Appendix B). We estimate that it takes the Coast Guard Container Inspector (E-6) about 12 minutes (0.2 hours) to record information on each container form. The wage rate used is in accordance with the current edition of COMDTINST 7310.1(series) for "In-Government" personnel.

15) Reasons for the change in burden.

The change in burden is an ADJUSTMENT due to a change (i.e., increase) in the estimated annual number of responses. There is no proposed change to the reporting and recordkeeping requirements of this collection. The recordkeeping requirements, and the methodology for calculation burden, remain unchanged.

16) Plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

17) Approval for not explaining the expiration date for OMB approval.

The Coast Guard will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

18) Explain each exception to the certification statement.

The Coast Guard does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

**B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.