

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location for the fourth meeting of the eighth term of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (COAC), and the expected agenda for its consideration.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the COAC will be held on Friday, September 19, 2003, at 9 a.m. in the Rotunda Room, 9th Floor, Ronald Reagan Building, located at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20229 (take elevator to 8th floor and follow signs to the steps leading to the 9th floor). The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Montiel, Department of Homeland Security, 202-282-8472.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the COAC's deliberations is limited to COAC members, Homeland Security and Treasury Department officials, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. All persons entering the building must be cleared by building security at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Personal data to obtain this clearance must be submitted to Donna Montiel, 202-282-8472, no later than 2 p.m. e.s.t on Tuesday, September 16, 2003.

#### Agenda

The COAC is expected to pursue the following agenda, which may be modified prior to the meeting:

(1) Security Sub-Committee Report (Advance Manifest Rules, Free and Secure Trade (FAST program), Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism and the Container Security Initiative (CTPAT and CSI), CBP Human Capital Plan).

(2) DHS Briefing on DHS Re-Organization.

(3) Other Issues (E-Rulings Project, CBP Participation on WTO Task Force for Global Security Standard, Customs Broker Exam, and Revision of Customs Forms).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice of information collection under review; Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal; Form I-589.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The former Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) published a **Federal Register** notice on February 25, 2003 at 68 FR 8784 to solicit public comments for a 60-day period regarding the proposed Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. At the close of the public comment period on April 28, 2003, the DHS had not received any comments.

This notice allows an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 29, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information 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 of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-589, Office of International Affairs, Asylum Division, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form will be used to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of removal in the United States is classifiable as a refugee, or eligible for protection under the Convention Against Torture, and is eligible to remain in the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 78,000 responses at 12 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 936,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard S. Sloan (202) 514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Terry O'Malley, Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 7th and D Streets, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC (202) 358-3571.