

will serve as a pre-filed entry for FAST purposes. Importers who submit applications to participate in the fully electronic version of the FAST prototype will be notified in writing of their acceptance or rejection. If an applicant is denied participation, the notification letter will include the reasons for that denial. An importer whose initial application was rejected may resubmit an application upon correction of the situation that led to the rejection.

#### FAST Processing Border Sites

This document provides an updated and complete list of participating FAST processing border sites along the Northern and Southern borders. CBP assessed several factors in selecting expedited border sites along the Northern and Southern borders, including road infrastructure, adequacy of port facilities, and commercial traffic volumes. CBP further assessed service needs and concerns to support major importers along the U.S./Canadian border, and assessed enhanced security requirements and expeditious commercial requirements along the U.S./Mexican border.

The fully electronic cargo release system is available only at five Northern border sites, and one Southern border site, and requires a participant to invest in a fully electronic communication system with CBP. In contrast, FAST-PAPS release is available to all qualifying ABI participants and at all FAST border sites.

The following is a complete list of FAST-participating Northern border sites. Unless otherwise indicated, both methods of cargo release under the FAST prototype are currently available at a site:

- (1) Port Huron (Blue Water Bridge), Michigan;
- (2) Detroit (Ambassador Bridge), Michigan;
- (3) Blaine, Washington;
- (4) Buffalo (including the Peace Bridge and Lewiston Bridge), New York;
- (5) Champlain, New York;
- (6) Pembina, North Dakota (FAST-PAPS only);
- (7) Portal, North Dakota (FAST-PAPS only);
- (8) Sweet Grass, Montana (FAST-PAPS only);
- (9) Derby Line, Vermont (FAST-PAPS only);
- (10) Highgate Springs, Vermont (FAST-PAPS only);
- (11) Alexandria Bay, New York (FAST-PAPS only);
- (12) Houlton, Maine (enrollment center only).

Expedited processing of merchandise was previously suspended at the

Southern border port of Laredo, Texas. While both the fully electronic and PAPS versions of FAST expedited processing will now be available at the port of Laredo, only the PAPS version will be available at the remaining participating Southern border sites:

- (1) Laredo, Texas;
- (2) El Paso, Texas (FAST-PAPS only);
- (3) Hidalgo, Texas (FAST-PAPS only);
- (4) Brownsville, Texas (FAST-PAPS only);
- (5) Otay Mesa, California (FAST-PAPS only);
- (6) Calexico, California (FAST-PAPS only);
- (7) Nogales, Arizona (FAST-PAPS only).

An importer wishing to participate in the fully electronic version of FAST at a port listed as only FAST-PAPS capable, should notify CBP of its interest by contacting the FAST Processing Center. CBP will evaluate the amount of volume expected to be cleared in a port, and determine if the investment in technology and training necessary for both parties justifies the expense.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Application-Checkpoint Pre-enrolled Access Lane, Form I-866.

The Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until November 24, 2003.

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 agencies' 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—Checkpoint Pre-enrolled Access Lane.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-866. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The information collection will be used by the Department of Homeland Security to determine eligibility for participation in the Checkpoint Pre-enrolled Access Lane (PAL) program for person and vehicles at immigration checkpoints within the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 12,500 responses at 32 minutes (.53 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 6,625 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 A. Sloan (202) 514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, 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