

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Public Workshop: Transparency and Accountability: The Use of Personal Information Within the Government

AGENCY: Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice announcing public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office will host a public workshop, "Transparency and Accountability: The Use of Personal Information within the Government," to explore the concept of public notices and freedom of information frameworks.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, in Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Privacy Workshop will be held in the Horizon Ballroom at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Kavanaugh, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Arlington, VA, 22202 by telephone (571) 227-3813, by facsimile (571) 227-4171, or by e-mail privacyworkshop@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office is holding a public workshop to explore comparative government frameworks on transparency and accountability. The program will be organized into three panel discussions that will allow for presentation of a broad range of perspectives provided by experts from United States and foreign governments. In addition to the panel discussions, time will be allotted during the workshop for questions and comments from the audience.

The program will begin with a discussion of privacy notices as a transparency tool, followed by a discussion of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and in particular, how the law has provided accountability on government use of personal information. The workshop will conclude with a comparison of international freedom of information laws. The workshop is open to the public and there is no fee for attendance. For general security purposes, the Ronald Reagan Building requires that all attendees show a valid form of photo identification, such as a driver's license, to enter the building.

The Privacy Office will post additional information about the workshop, including a detailed agenda, on the DHS Privacy Office Web site at <http://www.dhs.gov/privacy> prior to the event. A transcript of the workshop will be posted shortly after the workshop.

Dated: March 15, 2006.

Maureen Cooney,

Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Chief Freedom of Information Officer.

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Customs and Border Protection

Tuna—Tariff-Rate Quota; The Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 2006, on Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.22, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Announcement of the quota quantity of tuna in airtight containers for Calendar Year 2006.

SUMMARY: Each year the tariff-rate quota for tuna described in subheading 1604.14.22, HTSUS, is based on the apparent United States consumption of tuna in airtight containers during the preceding Calendar Year. This document sets forth the tariff-rate quota for Calendar Year 2006.

DATES: Effective Dates: The 2006 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period January 1, through December 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Headquarters Quota Branch, Textile Enforcement and Operations Division, Trade Compliance and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 344-2650.

Background

It has been determined that 19,484,313 kilograms of tuna in air-tight containers may be entered and withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the Calendar Year 2006, at the rate of 6 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.22, HTSUS. Any such tuna which is entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.30 HTSUS.

Dated: March 20, 2006.

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Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

Title: The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) ¹ v5.0.

OMB Number: 1660-0069.

Abstract: NFIRS provides a mechanism using standardized reporting methods to collect and analyze fire incident data at the Federal, State, and local levels. Data analysis helps local fire departments and States to focus on current problems, predict future problems in their communities, and measure whether their programs are working.

Affected Public: Federal, State, and local governments.

Number of Respondents: 17,000 fire departments.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Average response time per incident is 1.63 hours (98 minutes) for manual submissions and .66 hours (40 minutes) for electronic submissions. Since the

¹ The National Fire Incident Reporting System is currently being transferred to the newly created Preparedness Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. During this transition FEMA, also part of the Department of Homeland Security, will continue to support this program as the new Directorate stands up. Ultimately this data collection will be transferred to the Preparedness Directorate.