

distribution of investigational drugs for the treatment and prevention of TB by CIOs/Scientific Resources/Drug Service; (6) assesses the need for and conducts clinical and field trials of more specific and rapid tests to diagnose active TB and latent TB infection and to identify drug-resistant TB in collaboration with the Laboratory Branch; (7) collaborates with and provides consultation and technical assistance to national and international organizations on the design and conduct of clinical trials and research needs; (8) conducts, participates in, and collaborates with other DTBE units in research on clinical, epidemiologic, immunologic and genetic aspects of TB prevention and control; (9) collaborates in contact investigation research with other branches and local programmatic areas; (10) conducts multidisciplinary studies (including the analysis of behavioral, economic, and epidemiologic factors) of health care systems to assess the cost, effectiveness, and impact of public health policies, programs, and practices on TB outcomes to further the goal of TB elimination in the U.S., and targets these studies toward various populations at high risk for TB, including persons from high TB prevalent countries, homeless persons, HIV-infected persons, residents of correctional facilities, substance abusers, and health care workers; (11) provides consultation and training to local, state, national, and international organizations, and to TB program field staff, on design and conduct of clinical trials, TB therapeutics and diagnostics, health care systems research needs, decision and economic analyses, evaluation techniques, qualitative research methods, and research on TB transmission; (12) has responsibility for divisional engagement in preparing for and participating in trials of new TB vaccines; (13) reports study results to public health practitioners through direct communication, articles in scientific journals and CDC publications, and oral and poster presentations at national and international scientific meetings; (14) provides input into statements and guidelines issued by the CDC, the ACET, and professional organizations; and (15) presents research issues and findings to ACET and at national and international scientific meetings.

Delete items (2), (3), (4), and (6) of the functional statement for the International Research and Programs Branch (CVJE1D), and insert the following: (2) Coordinates the assessment of immigration and its impact on TB patterns in the U.S. and

assists with the evaluation of overseas TB screening procedures for immigrants and refugees; (3) conducts and coordinates operational research and demonstration projects to improve both the overseas screening for TB of immigrants and refugees and the domestic follow-up of those entering with suspected TB (in collaboration with other CIOs); (4) promotes the improved recognition and management of TB among the foreign-born through epidemiological analyses of national TB surveillance data and special studies on the U.S./Mexico border and in countries contributing to foreign-born TB cases in the U.S.; (6) collaborates with the nation of Botswana, WHO, the World Bank, IUATLD, USAID, and others, to conduct investigations into the diagnosis, management, and prevention of TB in persons with and without HIV infection.

Delete in its entirety the title and function statement for the Mycobacteriology Laboratory Branch (CVJEJ), and insert the following:

Laboratory Branch (CVJEJ). (1) Serves as the national reference laboratory in support of the mission of DTBE, fulfilling public health function in leadership, clinical and consultative service, and research; (2) provides laboratory support for epidemic investigations, surveillance activities, and special studies of TB, in collaboration of other branches; (3) administers contracts to provide Mycobacterium tuberculosis genotyping, maintains a national database of genotypes, and conducts operational research to implement genotyping; (4) develops and evaluates new methods to subtype M tuberculosis for epidemiologic studies; (5) serves as primary CDC focus for diagnostic laboratory services for TB; (6) administers grants and cooperative agreements with states and others to upgrade laboratory activities and provide special services; (7) provides reference diagnostic services, consultation, technical assistance, and training to state, federal, and municipal public health laboratories; (8) provides laboratory support, reference services, assessment, consultation, and training for CDC's international TB activities; (9) develops, evaluates, or improves conventional and molecular methods for the detection, classification, identification, characterization, and susceptibility testing of M tuberculosis; (10) conducts studies to define the role of bacterial virulence factors, host factors, and pathogenic and immunologic mechanisms in disease processes and protective immunity in mycobacteria, and develops, evaluates, and improves immunologic methods for

the diagnosis and prevention of TB; (11) develops tissue culture and animal models of TB and conducts studies on chemotherapy, immunotherapy, pathogenesis, pathology, and vaccines for TB; (12) prepares manuscripts for publication in scientific journals; (13) presents findings at national and international scientific meetings; (14) supervises and trains fellows in temporary or multi-year educationally-based programs in endeavors related to the mission of the branch; and (15) presents laboratory issues to ACET and at national and international scientific meetings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

#### Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part J (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (50 FR 25129-25130, dated June 17, 1985, as amended most recently at 73 FR 20293, dated April 15, 2008) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Section J-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows: After the title and function statement for the Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation (JAA3), Office of the Director (JAA), Office of the Administrator (JA), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (J), insert the following:

*Office of Communication (JAA7).* The Office of Communication (OC): (1) Serves as the principal advisor to the Agency Assistant Administrator and divisions on communication and marketing science, research, practice, and public affairs; (2) leads agency strategic planning for communication and marketing science and public affairs programs and projects; (3) analyzes context, situation, and environment to inform agency-wide communication and marketing programs and projects; (4) ensures use of scientifically sound research for marketing and communication programs and projects;

(5) ensures accurate, accessible, timely, and effective translation of science for use by multiple audiences; (6) leads identification and implementation of information dissemination channels; (7) provides communication and marketing project management expertise; (8) collaborates with external organizations and the news, public service, and entertainment and other media to ensure that scientific findings and their implications for public health reach the intended audiences; (9) collaborates closely with divisions to produce materials tailored to meet the requirements of news and other media channels, including press releases, letters to the editor, public service announcements, television programming, video news releases, and other electronic and printed materials; (10) coordinates the development and maintenance of accessible public information through the Internet, social media and other applicable channels; (11) supervises and manages a comprehensive records management activity in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration standards and CERCLA legislative requirements; (12) provides training and technical assistance in the areas of health communication, risk communication, social marketing, and public affairs; (13) provides editorial services, including writing, editing, and technical editing; (14) supervises and manages OC activities, programs, and staff; (15) serves as liaison to internal and external groups to advance the agency's mission; (16) collaborates with the CDC Office of the Associate Director for Communication on media relations, electronic communication, health media production, and brand management activities; and (17) collaborates with CDC Centers/Institute/Offices in the development of marketing communications targeted to populations that would benefit from a cross-functional approach.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection for Review: Application for Stay of Deportation or Removal, Form I-246, OMB No. 1653-0021.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), is submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Information Collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 2010, Vol. 75, No. 135, 41214, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. ICE received no comments on this Information Collection from the public during this 60-day period. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for thirty days until November 12, 2010.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies regarding items contained in this notice and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806. 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 a currently approved Information Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Stay of Deportation or Removal.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* I-246; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individual or Households, Business or other non-profit. The information collected on the Form I-246 is necessary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to make a determination that the eligibility requirements for a request for a stay of deportation or removal are met by the applicant.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 10,000 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 5,000 annual burden hours.

Requests for a copy of the proposed information collection instrument, with instructions; or inquiries for additional information regarding this Information Collection should be requested via e-mail to: [forms.ice@dhs.gov](mailto:forms.ice@dhs.gov) with "ICE Form I-246" in the subject line.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

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**Exemption and Equivalent Arrangements Under the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as Modified by the Protocol of 1988**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.