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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background and Purpose

The IMO first adopted the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) on November 12, 1975. The current version of the IGC Code is the 1993 Edition, as amended through December 5, 1996. On May 3, 1979, the Coast Guard promulgated regulations based largely on the IGC Code, but adopted the stricter standards of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPVC) Section VIII with respect to allowable stress factors. Coast Guard regulations in 46 CFR 154.447 and 154.450 regarding allowable stress factors for type B and type C independent cargo tanks have remained unchanged since May 3, 1979.

Coast Guard regulations in 46 CFR 154.447 and 154.450 require that self-propelled ships carrying liquefied bulk gases in type B and type C tanks use stress factors that are higher than those in the IGC Code. The higher stress factors lead to lower maximum allowable relief valve settings (MARVS) than are allowed by the IGC code. Accordingly, ships with type B or type C tanks that travel from international waters to U.S. territorial waters must have two pressure relief valve (PRV) settings per tank, and they must switch PRV settings upon entering U.S. territorial waters. We believe that in many cases, switching between these two PRV settings is not necessary for safety purposes.

##### Finding of Equivalence

According to 46 CFR 154.32, vessels may meet an alternate standard if the Commandant determines that the alternate standard provides an equivalent or greater level of protection for the purpose of safety. We recognize that advances have been made with respect to materials, manufacturing, and inspection since we first promulgated 46 CFR 154.447 and 154.450. Therefore, as specified in CG-ENG Policy Letter 04-12 and below, we have determined that for tanks designed and manufactured with advanced techniques, the stress factors in the IGC Code provide a level of safety equivalent to current Coast Guard regulations.

Tanks manufactured consistent with certain conditions are considered to meet the level of safety required in 46 CFR 154.447 and 154.450. Tanks that

meet the following two requirements may use the MARVS as determined by the IGC Code:

(1) The tank must be designed and built according to the IGC code, 1993 Edition, including all amendments through December 5, 1996; and

(2) The classification society that certified the tank must be authorized to issue an International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Liquefied Gases in Bulk (Certificate of Fitness) and must be authorized to participate in the Coast Guard's Alternate Compliance Program. See <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/acp/> for further information.

Tanks that do not meet both of these requirements must comply with current Coast Guard regulations in 46 CFR 154.447 or 154.450. Alternatively, persons may request approval from the Commandant (CG-ENG-5, formerly CG-522) to use an alternate pressure relief valve setting for such tanks. Equivalency requests must include the information required in 46 CFR 154.32(b) and should also include a copy of the Certificate of Fitness.

The guidance in this notice and CG-ENG Policy Letter 04-12 is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it itself a regulation. It is not intended to nor does it impose legally-binding requirements on any party. It represents the Coast Guard's current thinking on this topic and may assist industry, mariners, the general public, and the Coast Guard, as well as other federal and state regulators, in applying U.S. statutory and regulatory requirements.

This notice is issued under authority of 46 U.S.C. 3703, 46 U.S.C. 9101, 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 46 CFR 154.32, and 33 CFR 1.05-1.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0023]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Application To Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, Form I-485 and Supplements A, C, and E, Revision of a Currently Approved Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 25, 2012, at 76 FR 43608, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments on the 60-day notice.

**DATES:** This notice allows an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 29, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to DHS, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC 20529-2140. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via email at [USCISFRComment@dhs.gov](mailto:USCISFRComment@dhs.gov) or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2009-0020, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via email at [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). All submissions received must include the agency name and e-Docket ID. When submitting comments by email please make sure to add 1615-0023 in the subject box.

All submissions received must include the agency name, OMB Control Number and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions

will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Note:** The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check "My Case Status" online at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies 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 Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status.
- (3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* Form I-485 and Supplements A, C, and E; USCIS.
- (4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The information collected is used to determine eligibility to adjust status under section 245 of the

Immigration and Nationality Act. USCIS will be combining The Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA) Instructions for Form I-485, Supplement C; OMB Control No. 1615-0024, in Form I-485 instructions under OMB Control No. 1615-0023.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Form I-485—580,133 responses at 6 hours and 15 minutes (6.25) per response; Supplement A—3,888 responses at 13 minutes (.216) per response; Supplement C—386 responses at 30 minutes (.50) per response; Supplement E—31,000 responses at 1 hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 3,657,863 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with supplementary documents, or need additional information, please visit <http://www.regulations.gov>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140; Telephone 202-272-1470.

Dated: September 24, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0063]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: National Interest Waivers, Supplemental Evidence to I-140 and I-485, Form Number No Form; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal**

**Register** on June 1, 2012, at 77 FR 32660, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive one comment in connection with the 60-day notice. The comment received was the writer's statement that the USCIS Form I-140 should be discontinued and that USCIS Form I-145 should have the associated fee raised. USCIS will not be discontinuing the form I-130 and a fee study was done to determine the appropriate fee amount for the I-145; no change will be made based upon the comment received.

**DATES:** The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 29, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to DHS, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2020.

Comments may also be submitted to DHS via email at [uscisfrcomment@dhs.gov](mailto:uscisfrcomment@dhs.gov), to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via email at [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) and via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2008-0003. When submitting comments by email, please make sure to add [Insert OMB Control Number] in the subject box.

All submissions received must include the agency name, OMB Control Number and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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