

Form 434 is provided for by 19 CFR 181.11 and is accessible at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms>.

CBP Form 446, *NAFTA Verification of Origin Questionnaire*, is a questionnaire that CBP personnel use to gather sufficient information from exporters and/or producers to determine whether goods imported into the United States qualify as originating goods for the purposes of preferential tariff treatment under NAFTA. CBP Form 446 is provided for by 19 CFR 181.72 and is accessible at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms>.

CBP Form 447, *North American Free Trade Agreement Motor Vehicle Averaging Election*, is used to gather information required by 19 CFR 181 Appendix, Section 11, (2) "Information Required When Producer Chooses to Average for Motor Vehicles". This form is provided to CBP when a manufacturer chooses to average motor vehicles for the purpose of obtaining NAFTA preference. CBP Form 447 is accessible at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms>.

**Current Actions:** This submission is being made to extend the expiration date for CBP Forms 434, 446, and 447 and to revise the burden hours as a result of updated estimates for the time per response for CBP Forms 434 and 446. There are no changes to the forms or the information collected.

**Type of Review:** Extension with a change to the burden hours.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Form 434, NAFTA Certificate of Origin:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 40,000.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 3.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 2 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 240,000.

**Form 446, NAFTA Questionnaire:**  
**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 400.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 2 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 800.

**Form 447, NAFTA Motor Vehicle Averaging Election:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 11.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.28.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 14.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection [1651-0083]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

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

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) (Form 450). CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours. There is no change to the information collected. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 4, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, or via email ([CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov)). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information

about other CBP programs please contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511, (TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP Web site at <https://www.cbp.gov/>. For additional help: <https://help.cbp.gov/app/home/search/1>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 43615) on July 5, 2016, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual costs to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document, CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

**Title:** United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act.

**OMB Number:** 1651-0083.

**Form Number:** CBP Form 450.

**Abstract:** The provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) were adopted by the U.S. with the enactment of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (PL.106-200). The objective of the CBTPA is to expand trade benefits to countries in the Caribbean Basin. For preferential duty treatment under CBTPA, importers are required to have a CBTPA Certification of Origin (CBP Form 450) in their possession at the time of the claim, and to provide it to CBP upon request. CBP Form 450 collects data such as contact information for the exporter, importer and producer, and information about the goods being claimed.

This collection of information is provided for by 19 CFR 10.224. CBP Form 450 is accessible at: [http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP\\_Form\\_450.pdf](http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP_Form_450.pdf).

**Current Actions:** This submission is being made to extend the expiration date and to revise the burden hours as a result of an increase in time estimated per response from 15 minutes to 2 hours. There are no changes to CBP Form 450 or to the data collected on this form.

**Type of Review:** Extension with a change to the burden hours.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 15.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 286.13.

**Estimated Total Annual Responses:** 4,292.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 2 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 8,584.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5971-N-01]

### Notice of Certain Operating Cost Adjustment Factors for 2017

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes operating cost adjustment factors (OCAFs) for project-based rental assistance contracts issued under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and renewed under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (MAHRA) with an anniversary date on or after February 11, 2017. OCAFs are annual factors used primarily to adjust the rents for contracts renewed under section 515 or section 524 of MAHRA.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 11, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stan Houle, Program Analyst, Office of Asset Management and Portfolio Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-402-2572 (this is not a toll-

free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. OCAFs

Section 514(e)(2) and section 524(c)(1) of MAHRA (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) require HUD to establish guidelines for the development of OCAFs for rent adjustments. Sections 524(a)(4)(C)(i), 524(b)(1)(A), and 524(b)(3)(A) of MAHRA, all of which prescribe the use of the OCAF in the calculation of renewal rents, contain similar language. HUD has therefore used a single methodology for establishing OCAFs, which vary from State to State.

MAHRA gives HUD broad discretion in setting OCAFs, referring, for example, in sections 524(a)(4)(C)(i), 524(b)(1)(A), 524(b)(3)(A) and 524(c)(1) simply to “an operating cost adjustment factor established by the Secretary.” The sole limitation to this grant of authority is a specific requirement in each of the foregoing provisions that application of an OCAF “shall not result in a negative adjustment.” Contract rents are adjusted by applying the OCAF to that portion of the rent attributable to operating expenses exclusive of debt service.

The OCAFs provided in this notice are applicable to eligible projects having a contract anniversary date of February 11, 2017 or after and were calculated using the same method as those published in HUD’s 2016 OCAF notice published on October 13, 2015 (79 FR 59502). Specifically, OCAFs are calculated as the sum of weighted average cost changes for wages, employee benefits, property taxes, insurance, supplies and equipment, fuel oil, electricity, natural gas, and water/sewer/trash using publicly available indices. The weights used in the OCAF calculations for each of the nine cost component groupings are set using current percentages attributable to each of the nine expense categories. These weights are calculated in the same manner as in the October 13, 2015, notice. Average expense proportions were calculated using three years of audited Annual Financial Statements from projects covered by OCAFs. The expenditure percentages for these nine categories have been found to be very stable over time, but using three years of data increases their stability. The nine cost component weights were calculated at the state level, which is the lowest level of geographical aggregation with enough projects to permit statistical analysis. These data were not available for the Western Pacific Islands,

so data for Hawaii were used as the best available indicator of OCAFs for these areas.

The best current price data sources for the nine cost categories were used in calculating annual change factors. State-level data for fuel oil, electricity, and natural gas from Department of Energy surveys are relatively current and continue to be used. Data on changes in employee benefits, insurance, property taxes, and water/sewer/trash costs are only available at the national level. The data sources for the nine cost indicators selected used were as follows:

- **Labor Costs:** First quarter, 2016 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) ECI, Private Industry Wages and Salaries, All Workers (Series ID CIU202000000000I) at the national level and Private Industry Benefits, All Workers (Series ID CIU203000000000I) at the national level.

- **Property Taxes:** Census Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue—Table 1 <http://www2.census.gov/govs/qtax/2016/q1t1.xls>. 12-month property taxes are computed as the total of four quarters of tax receipts for the period from April through March. Total 12-month taxes are then divided by the number of occupied housing units to arrive at average 12-month tax per housing unit. The number of occupied housing units is taken from the estimates program at the Bureau of the Census. <http://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/data/histtab8.xls>.

- **Goods, Supplies, Equipment:** May 2015 to May 2016 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index, All Items Less Food, Energy and Shelter (Series ID CUUR0000SA0L12E) at the national level.

- **Insurance:** May 2015 to May 2016 Bureau of Labor Statistic (BLS) Consumer Price Index, Tenants and Household Insurance Index (Series ID CUUR0000SEHD) at the national level.

- **Fuel Oil:** October 2015–March 2016 U.S. Weekly Heating Oil and Propane Prices report. Average weekly residential heating oil prices in cents per gallon excluding taxes for the period from October 5, 2015 through March 28, 2016 are compared to the average from October 13, 2014 through March 30, 2015. For the States with insufficient fuel oil consumption to have separate estimates, the relevant regional Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) change between these two periods is used; if there is no regional PADD estimate, the U.S. change between these two periods is used. [http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_pri\\_wfr\\_a\\_EPD2F\\_prs\\_dpgal\\_w.htm](http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_wfr_a_EPD2F_prs_dpgal_w.htm).