

undue privacy or data entry burdens on filers.

(a) Filer identification number:

OGE received a suggestion for assigning each filer an identification number that would stay with the individual in perpetuity. Commenters advocating for such an identification number are advised to include the specific benefits of the number and to address the competing costs, privacy, and burden concerns. Commenters who oppose this identification number should identify any privacy concerns, costs, or administrative burdens, or any other concerns.

(b) Type of appointment:

OGE received a comment requesting that the OGE Form 278e display information regarding a filer's type of appointment. (*i.e.*, Career SES, Non-Career SES, Senate-confirmed Presidential appointees (PAS), Schedule C, Uniformed Services, Other). OGE is interested in views on whether the provision of this information on the face of the form would assist the public in understanding the filer's risk of potential conflicts without undue burden or privacy concerns.

2. Excepted Investment Fund (EIF) Field:

OGE is considering changing the EIF field. The EIF field currently contains three choices: Yes (the item is an asset with underlying portfolio holdings but the item qualifies as an excepted investment fund); No (the item is an asset with underlying portfolio holdings and the asset does not qualify as an excepted investment fund); and N/A (the item is a source of non-investment income or the item is an asset without underlying portfolio assets). OGE is considering providing just two choices for the EIF field: Yes (the item is an asset with underlying portfolio holdings but the item qualifies as an excepted investment fund); or No (the item is an asset with underlying portfolio holdings and the asset does not qualify as an excepted investment fund; or the item is a source of non-investment income; or the item is an asset without underlying portfolio assets). OGE is interested in views on whether such a change would make the form more understandable.

3. Definitions:

OGE received comments requesting clarification to the instructions concerning the EIF field. OGE is interested in views on specific text suggestions on how the definition of "excepted investment fund" might be improved in the instructions. OGE also seeks comments on whether the instructions to any part of the form should include additional definitions of

key terms and whether there are specific terms that need further definition.

4. Examples:

The OGE Form 450 includes a page of examples to assist filers in completing the form. OGE is considering adding a similar list of examples to the OGE Form 278e. OGE is interested in views on whether there are specific topic areas for which an example would be particularly useful.

Potential Areas for Comment on the OGE Form 450

1. Form types:

OGE currently makes the OGE Form 450 available in three different form types: (1) a dynamic Adobe Acrobat PDF version that has an automated Add-Page button; (2) an accessible, 508-compliant Adobe Acrobat PDF version that lacks an automated Add-Page button; and (3) a dynamic Microsoft Excel version that has an automated Add-Page button. Unfortunately, OGE has been unable to find any contractor that is able to support the dynamic PDF version and it is becoming less and less stable. OGE is considering retiring the dynamic PDF version. Feedback is requested as to whether the dynamic PDF version should be retained, despite its technical limitations.

2. Definitions and examples:

The last page of the OGE Form 450 includes examples for each Part. OGE seeks comments on whether any of these examples should be revised or removed, what new examples would be of value for the average filer, and whether any new definitions should be added to the instructions.

**Registration:** Individuals wishing to attend the public meeting must register at <https://dcnet.webex.com/weblink/register/rc97caed77df3f1ce2e2158480a47425>. Meeting information will be provided at the time of registration.

**Written Comments:** You may submit comments in writing to OGE by use of the following methods:

**Email:** [usoge@oge.gov](mailto:usoge@oge.gov). Include "OGE PRA Form 278e and OGE Form 450 Review" in the subject line.

**Mail:** Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005-3917, Attention: "OGE PRA Form 278e and OGE Form 450 Review."

**Instructions:** Comments may be posted on OGE's website, <https://www.oge.gov>. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included. Comments generally will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

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**Emory Rounds,**

*Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Fees for Sanitation Inspection of Cruise Ships**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces fees for vessel sanitation inspections for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. These inspections are conducted by HHS/CDC's Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP). VSP helps the cruise ship industry fulfill its responsibility for developing and implementing comprehensive sanitation programs to minimize the risk for acute gastroenteritis. Every vessel that has a foreign itinerary and carries 13 or more passengers is subject to twice-yearly unannounced operations inspections and, when necessary, reinspection.

**DATES:** These fees apply to inspections conducted from January 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR Andrew Kupper, Acting Chief, Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE, MS 106-6, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3717; phone: 800-323-2132; email: [vsp@cdc.gov](mailto:vsp@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose and Background**

HHS/CDC established the Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) in the 1970s as a cooperative activity with the cruise ship industry. VSP helps the cruise ship industry prevent and control the introduction, transmission, and spread of gastrointestinal illnesses on cruise ships. VSP operates under the authority of the Public Health Service Act (section 361 of the Public Health Service Act; 42 U.S.C. 264, "Control of Communicable Diseases"). Regulations found at 42 CFR 71.41 (Foreign Quarantine—Requirements Upon Arrival at U.S. Ports: Sanitary Inspection; General

Provisions) state that carriers arriving at U.S. ports from foreign areas are subject to sanitary inspections to determine whether there exists rodent, insect, or other vermin infestations; contaminated food or water; or other sanitary conditions requiring measures for the prevention of the introduction, transmission, or spread of

communicable diseases. VSP's mandate is specific to preventing and controlling gastrointestinal illnesses on cruise ships.

The fee schedule for sanitation inspections of passenger cruise ships by VSP was first published in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 1987 (52 FR 45019). HHS/CDC began collecting fees

on March 1, 1988. This notice announces fees for inspections conducted during FY 2023 (beginning on January 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023).

The following formula will be used to determine the fees:

$$\text{Average cost per inspection} = \frac{\text{Total cost of VSP}}{\text{Weighted number of annual inspections}}$$

Total cost of VSP includes the total cost of operating the program, such as administration, travel, staffing, sanitation inspections, and outbreak response.

The weighted number of annual inspections includes the total number of ships and inspections per year accounting for vessel size, number of inspectors needed for vessel size, travel logistics to conduct inspections, and

vessel location and arrivals in U.S. jurisdiction per year.

The fee schedule was most recently published in the **Federal Register** on August 21, 2019 (84 FR 43602). The fee schedule for FY 2023 is presented in appendix A.

**Fee**

The fee schedule (appendix A) applies to inspections conducted from

January 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

**Applicability**

The fees will apply to all passenger cruise vessels for which inspections are conducted as part of HHS/CDC's VSP.

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**Appendix A**

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR EACH VESSEL SIZE—OPERATIONS INSPECTIONS AND REINSPECTIONS**

Vessel size (GRT <sup>1</sup> )	Inspection fee (US\$)
Extra Small (<3,000 GRT) .....	1,495
Small (3,001–15,000 GRT) .....	2,990
Medium (15,001–30,000 GRT) .....	5,980
Large (30,001–60,000 GRT) .....	8,970
Extra Large (60,001–120,000 GRT) .....	11,960
Mega (120,001–140,000 GRT) .....	17,940
Super Mega (>140,001 GRT) .....	23,920

<sup>1</sup> Gross register tonnage in cubic feet, as shown in Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Operations inspections and reinspections involve the same procedures and require the same amount of time, so they are charged at the same rates.

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR EACH VESSEL SIZE—CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION INSPECTIONS**

Vessel size (GRT <sup>1</sup> )	Inspection fee (US\$)
Extra Small (<3,000 GRT) .....	2,990
Small (3,001–15,000 GRT) .....	5,980
Medium (15,001–30,000 GRT) .....	11,960
Large (30,001–60,000 GRT) .....	17,940
Extra Large (60,001–120,000 GRT) .....	23,920
Mega (120,001–140,000 GRT) .....	35,880
Super Mega (>140,001 GRT) .....	47,840

<sup>1</sup> Gross register tonnage in cubic feet, as shown in Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Construction and renovation inspections require at least twice the amount of time as operations inspections, so they are charged double the rates.