

communication and coordination with other federal agencies related to cargo preference and enhance federal transparency.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Include the docket number in your comments to ensure that your comments are correctly filed in the Docket. We encourage you to provide concise comments; however, you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments. Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above-entitled heading

ADDRESSES.

MARAD will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under **DATES**. To the extent possible, MARAD will also consider comments received after that date.

For access to the docket to submit or read comments received, go to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Management Facility is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To review documents, read comments or to submit comments, the docket is also available online at www.regulations.gov, keyword search "MARAD-2023-0039."

Please note that even after the comment period has closed, MARAD will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, MARAD recommends that you periodically check the Docket for new material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. When you submit comments containing information claimed to be confidential information, you should include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit www.transportation.gov/privacy.

Request for Information

DOT seeks information from the public on their experiences with, and views on, the current challenges faced by civilian federal agencies, contractors, and loan and grant recipients (*i.e.*, partners) in complying with cargo preference laws on the following topics:

1. Actions those civilian federal agencies and their partners can take to promote and simplify, compliance with 46 U.S.C. 55305, while helping shipper agencies' make their logistical supply chains more efficient.

2. Technological best practices, including data sharing, that the public sector may use to better delineate cargoes subject to 46 U.S.C. 55305 from those cargoes derived from private funding sources.

3. MARAD's computation and publication of compliance data, including consideration of geographic areas, for purposes of determining whether an agency meets the 50% minimum tonnage requirement under 46 U.S.C. 55305.

4. Actions MARAD and other civilian agencies could take to improve the ability to assess and determine fair and reasonable rates for available U.S.-registered vessels in a manner that is transparent and would maximize the use of U.S. vessels as well as support civilian federal agency supply chain logistical efficiency.

5. Actions MARAD could take to incentivize additional vessels, where appropriate, to enter the U.S.-flag fleet.

6. Actions MARAD could take to work with other civilian federal agencies to identify the programs and cargoes that are subject to CPA requirements.

7. How MARAD can better serve as a resource to civilian federal agencies, their partners, and the public to support compliance with the CPA and ensure greater opportunities for U.S.-registered

vessels and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided.

8. How MARAD can improve the use of make-up shipments when programs that administer multi-year projects do not meet the 50% minimum statutory requirement under 46 U.S.C. 55305 during a particular fiscal year.

9. Identifying barriers to MARAD's assignment of civil penalties under 46 U.S.C. 55305(d)(2)(A).

10. Other relevant input related to challenges in achieving government-wide compliance with the CPA.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 55305; 49 CFR 1.93)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of open season for recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) members.

DATES: February 17, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred N. Smith, Jr. at 202-317-3087 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation's tax agency by applying to be members of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The mission of the TAP is to listen to taxpayers, identify issues that affect taxpayers, and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction. The TAP serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP members will participate in subcommittees that channel their feedback to the IRS through the Panel's parent committee.

The IRS is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 200 to 300 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS customer service. As a federal advisory committee, TAP is required to have a fairly balanced membership in terms of

the points of view represented. Thus, TAP membership represents a cross-section of the taxpaying public with at least one member from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, in addition to one member representing international taxpayers. For these purposes, “international taxpayers” are broadly defined to include U.S. citizens working, living, or doing business abroad. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens, not a current employee of any Bureau of the Treasury Department or have worked for any Bureau of the Treasury Department within the three years of December 1 of the current year and must pass a federal tax compliance check and a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background investigation. Applicants who practice before the IRS must be in good standing with the IRS (meaning not currently under suspension or disbarment). Federally-registered lobbyists cannot be members of the TAP. The IRS is seeking members or alternates in the following locations: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. TAP members are a diverse group of citizens who represent the interests of taxpayers, from their respective geographic locations as well as taxpayers overall. Members provide feedback from a taxpayer’s perspective on ways to improve IRS customer service and administration of the federal tax system, by identifying grassroots taxpayer issues. Members should have good communication skills and be able to speak to taxpayers about TAP and its activities, while clearly distinguishing between TAP positions and their personal viewpoints.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP website at www.improveirs.org for more information about TAP. Applications may be submitted online at www.usajobs.gov. For questions about TAP membership, call the TAP toll-free number, 1-888-912-1227 and select prompt 5. Callers who are outside of the U.S. should call 202-317-3087 (not a toll-free call).

The opening date for submitting applications is February 17, 2023 and the deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2023. Interviews will be held. The Department of the Treasury

will review the recommended candidates and make final selections. New TAP members will serve a three-year term starting in December 2023. (*Note:* highly ranked applicants not selected as members may be placed on a roster of alternates who will be eligible to fill future vacancies that may occur on the Panel.)

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Fred N. Smith, Jr., Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, TA:TAP Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224, or 202-317-3087 (not a toll-free call).

Dated: February 23, 2023.

Kevin Brown,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Requesting Comments on Form 637 and IRS Notice 2023-06

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 637, Application for Registration (For Certain Excise Tax Activities) and Questionnaires; and IRS Notice 2023-06.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 1, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include “OMB Number 1545-1835” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, at (202) 317-5753, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Registration (For Certain Excise Tax Activities) and Questionnaires; IRS Notice 2023-06.

OMB Number: 1545-1835.

Form Number: 637 and Notice 2023-06.

Abstract: Form 637 is used to apply for excise tax registration. The registration applies to a person required to be registered under Revenue code section 4101 for purposes of the Federal excise tax on taxable fuel imposed under Code sections 4041 and 4071; and to certain manufacturers or sellers and purchasers that must register under Code section 4222 to be exempt from the excise tax on taxable articles. The data is used to determine if the applicant qualifies for the exemption. Taxable fuel producers are required by Code section 4101 to register with the Service before incurring any tax liability.

IRS Notice 2023-26 provides guidance on the new sustainable aviation fuel credits under §§ 40B and 6426(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (referred the SAF credit) and related credit and payment rules under §§ 34(a)(3), 38, 87, and 6427(e)(1). This notice also provides rules related to the § 4101 registration requirements. The certificate, reseller statement, and declaration created by IRS Notice 2023-06 will allow the IRS to verify that claimants are making proper credit and payment claims with respect to the SAF credit.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, farms, and not-for-profit institutions.

Form 637

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,255.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3.43 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 31,710.

IRS Notice 2023-06

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Number of Responses: 200.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to