

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Office of the Secretary**

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**Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.  
**ACTION:** Semiannual Regulatory Agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This regulatory agenda is a semiannual summary of projected regulations, existing regulations, and completed actions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its components. This agenda provides the public with information about DHS’s regulatory and deregulatory activity. DHS expects that this information will enable the public to be more aware of, and effectively participate in, the Department’s regulatory and deregulatory activity. DHS invites the public to submit comments on any aspect of this agenda.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

Office of the Secretary (OS)

Final Rule Stage

**100. Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation: Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Information (HSAR Case 2015-001) [1601-AA76]**

Legal Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301 to 302; 41 U.S.C. 1302, 1303 and 1707

Abstract: This Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) rule would implement security and privacy measures to ensure Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), such as Personally Identifiable Information (PII), is adequately safeguarded by DHS contractors. Specifically, the rule would define key terms, outline security requirements and inspection provisions for contractor information technology (IT) systems that store, process or transmit CUI, institute incident notification and response procedures, and identify post-incident credit monitoring requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/19/17	82 FR 6429
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/20/17	
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	03/20/17	82 FR 14341
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	04/19/17	
Final Rule .....	06/00/23	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 1601-AA76

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Final Rule Stage

**101. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements [1615-AC68]**

Legal Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1356(m), (n)

Abstract: On January 4, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM or proposed rule) 88 FR 402 that proposed to adjust the fees charged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for immigration and naturalization benefit requests. On August 3, 2020, DHS adjusted the fees USCIS charges for immigration and naturalization benefit requests, imposed new fees, revised certain fee waiver and exemption policies, and changed certain application requirements via the rule “USCIS Fee Schedule & Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements.” DHS has been preliminarily enjoined from implementing that rule by court order. This rule would rescind and replace the changes made by the August 3, 2020, rule and establish new USCIS fees to recover USCIS operating costs. DHS solicited public comment on the NPRM, which DHS intends to consider and address in a final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/04/23	88 FR 402
NPRM Correction	01/09/23	88 FR 1172
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/06/23	
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	02/24/23	88 FR 11825
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	03/13/23	
Final Action .....	03/00/24	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

Proposed Rule Stage

**102. Claims Procedures Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 [1625-AA03]**

Legal Authority: 33 U.S.C. 2713 and 2714

Abstract: The purpose of this project is to remove superseded regulations at 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 135, and to finalize the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90) claims procedures at 33 CFR part 136. The OPA90 claims procedures, implementing OPA90 section 1013 (Claims Procedures) and section 1014 (Designation of Source and Advertisement), were established by an interim rule, titled “Claims under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990” (Interim Rule) that has not been substantively amended since it was published in 1992. This rulemaking supports the

Coast Guard's strategic goal of protection of natural resources.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Correction .....	08/12/92 09/09/92	57 FR 36314 57 FR 41104
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	12/10/92	
Notice of Inquiry ..	11/01/11	76 FR 67385
Notice of Inquiry Comment Period End.	01/30/12	
NPRM .....	03/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**103. Lifejacket Approval Harmonization [1625-AC62]**

*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 3306(a); 46 U.S.C. 3306(b); 46 U.S.C. 4102(a); 46 U.S.C. 4102(b); 46 U.S.C. 4302(a); 46 U.S.C. 4502(a); 46 U.S.C. 4502(c)(2)(B)

*Abstract:* The Coast Guard would amend the lifejacket approval requirements and follow-up program requirements by incorporating new bi-national standards. At the same time, the Coast Guard would amend lifejacket and personal flotation devices (PFDs) carriage requirements to allow for the use of equipment approved to the new standards, and to remove obsolete equipment approval requirements. The new standards are intended to replace the legacy standards. The amendments would streamline the process for approval of PFDs and allow manufacturers the opportunity to produce more innovative equipment that meets the approval requirements of both Canada and the United States, while reducing the burden for manufacturers in both the approval process and follow-up program. The rule is expected to provide a cost savings by reducing the regulatory burden on PFD manufacturers by harmonizing our PFD approval standards with Canada, requiring less frequent inspections of manufacturing facilities, providing lower cost PFD user manuals, and by potentially creating a new market in PFDs with a lower buoyancy rating. This rule is consistent with Executive Order 14058, which directs agencies to take actions that improve service delivery and customer

experience by decreasing administrative burdens, enhancing transparency, and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/07/23	88 FR 21016
NPRM Correction	05/01/23	88 FR 26514
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/06/23	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**104. • Great Lakes Pilotage Rates—2024 Annual Review [1625-AC89]**

*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 9303(f)  
*Abstract:* Pursuant to the Great Lakes Pilotage Act, the Coast Guard must review rates for pilotage services on the Great Lakes by March 1 of each year. This rule would adjust the pilotage rates to account for changes in district operating expenses, an increase in the number of pilots, and anticipated inflation for the 2024 shipping season.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/00/23	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)*

Long-Term Actions

**105. Commercial Fishing Vessels—Implementation of 2010 and 2012 Legislation [1625-AB85]**

*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 4502 and 5103; Pub. L. 111-281; Pub. L. 112-213  
*Abstract:* The Coast Guard will implement 2010 and 2012 legislation

that pertains to uninspected commercial fishing industry vessels. The requirements took effect upon enactment of the legislation but require amendments to Coast Guard regulations to be implemented. Coast Guard is changing the applicability of the regulations, and adding new requirements to safety training, equipment, vessel examinations, vessel safety standards, the documentation of maintenance, and the termination of unsafe operations. This rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's maritime safety mission.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/21/16	81 FR 40437
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	08/15/16	81 FR 53986
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/19/16	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	12/18/16	
Final Rule .....	08/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**106. User Fees for Inspected Towing Vessels [1625-AC55]**

*Legal Authority:* 46 U.S.C. 2103; 46 U.S.C. 2110; Pub. L. 115-282, sec. 815

*Abstract:* This rulemaking would revise user fees for towing vessels inspected under 46 CFR subchapter M and update the existing user fee in 46 CFR 2.10-101 for sea-going towing vessels inspected under 46 CFR subchapter I. These user fees are for services related to the inspection of these vessels and will reflect the differences in cost to the government to provide these services to vessels that use a safety management system involving a third party and vessels that do not.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/11/22	87 FR 1378
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/11/22	
Final Rule .....	05/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1625-AC55

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*Transportation Security Administration (TSA)*

Long-Term Actions

**107. Amending Vetting Requirements for Employees With Access to a Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) [1652-AA70]**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 114-190, sec. 3405

*Abstract:* As required by the FESSA, TSA will propose a rule to revise its regulations, reflecting current knowledge of insider threat and intelligence, to enhance the eligibility requirements and disqualifying criminal offenses for individuals seeking or having unescorted access to any SIDA of an airport. Consistent with the statutory mandate, TSA will consider adding to the list of disqualifying criminal offenses and criteria, develop an appeal and waiver process for the issuance of credentials for unescorted access, and propose an extension of the lookback period for disqualifying crimes. As part of TSA’s reevaluation of the eligibility and redress standards for aviation workers required by the Act, TSA is also reevaluating the current vetting process to minimize any security risks that may exist.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1652-AA70

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

*Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**108. Ammonium Nitrate Security Program [1670-AA00]**

*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 488 *et seq.*

*Abstract:* The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is proposing a rulemaking to implement the December 2007 amendment to the Homeland Security Act titled “Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate.” This amendment requires the Department of Homeland Security to “regulate the sale and transfer of ammonium nitrate by an ammonium nitrate facility . . . to prevent the misappropriation or use of ammonium nitrate in an act of terrorism.” CISA previously issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on August 3, 2011. CISA is planning to issue a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM).

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	10/29/08	73 FR 64280
ANPRM Correction.	11/05/08	73 FR 65783
ANPRM Comment Period End.	12/29/08	
NPRM .....	08/03/11	76 FR 46908
Notice of Public Meetings.	10/07/11	76 FR 62311
Notice of Public Meetings.	11/14/11	76 FR 70366
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/01/11	
Notice of Availability.	06/03/19	84 FR 25495
Notice of Availability Comment Period End.	09/03/19	
Supplemental NPRM.	09/00/23	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1670-AA00

**109. Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) [1670-AA01]**

*Legal Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 621 to 629

*Abstract:* The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) previously invited public comment on an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) during August 2014 for potential revisions to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulations. The ANPRM provided an opportunity for the public to provide recommendations for possible program changes. In June 2020, CISA published for public comment a retrospective analysis of the CFATS program. And in January 2021, CISA invited additional public comment through an ANPRM concerning the removal of certain explosive chemicals from CFATS. CISA intends to address many of the subjects raised in both ANPRMs and the retrospective analysis in this regulatory action, including potential updates to CFATS cybersecurity requirements and Appendix A to the CFATS regulations.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	08/18/14	79 FR 48693
ANPRM Comment Period End.	10/17/14	
ANPRM .....	01/06/21	86 FR 495
Announcement of Availability; Retrospective Analysis.	06/22/20	85 FR 37393
Announcement of Availability; Retrospective Analysis Comment Period End.	09/21/20	
NPRM .....	06/00/23	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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