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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Fishery Products Subject to Trade Restrictions Pursuant to Certification Under the High Seas Driftnet Fishing (HSDF) Moratorium Protection Act

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 10, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0651 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential

Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Fishery Management Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-427-8375, or [christopher.rogers@noaa.gov](mailto:christopher.rogers@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

National Marine Fisheries Service's Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection is requesting an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The information collection involves certification of admissibility for importation of certain fish and fish products that are subject to requirements of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (Moratorium Protection Act) or the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

Pursuant to a final rule implementing certain provisions of the Moratorium Protection Act (RIN 0648-BA89), certain fish or fish products of a nation may be subject to import prohibitions. To facilitate enforcement, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires that other fish or fish products from that nation that are not subject to the import prohibitions must be accompanied by documentation of admissibility. A duly authorized official/agent of the applicant's Government must certify that the fish in the shipments being imported into the United States (U.S.) are of a species, or from fisheries, that are not subject to an import restriction. If a nation is identified under the Moratorium Protection Act and fails to receive a positive certification decision from the Secretary of Commerce, products from that nation that are not subject to the import prohibitions must be accompanied by the documentation of admissibility.

Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, import certification requirements apply in cases where foreign fisheries do not meet U.S. standards for marine mammal bycatch mitigation. A final rule (RIN 0648-AY15) implemented a procedure for making comparability findings for nations that are eligible for exporting fish and fish products to the United States. The nations may receive a comparability finding to export fish and fish products by providing documentation that a nation's bycatch

reduction regulatory program is comparable in effectiveness to that of the United States. Fish and fish products from a foreign fishery without a comparability finding are prohibited from entry into U.S. commerce. To facilitate enforcement, NMFS requires that other fish or fish products from that nation that are not subject to the import prohibitions must be accompanied by documentation of admissibility.

The Certification of Admissibility information is used by Customs and Border Protection authorities to determine that inbound seafood shipments are not subject to trade restrictions. NMFS uses the information to ensure compliance with fish product embargoes and to assess compliance with international fishery management regulations.

##### II. Method of Collection

The information is collected electronically at the time of entry filing in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The exporter completes information on the contents/origin of the fish products contained in the export shipment and obtains export government certification that the fish meet the U.S. admissibility criteria. Entry filers (importers or customs brokers) obtain the completed Certification of Admissibility from the exporter (attached to the shipment packaging or via email or fax) and upload the image file of the document to ACE via the Document Image System. Customs and Border Protection will also accept paper submission at the port of entry.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0651.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 90 respondents annually filing 10 responses each.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 150 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$9,000.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*Legal Authority:* 50 CFR part 216; 50 CFR part 300, subpart N.

##### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a)

Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement With the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement with the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence or Armed Forces.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 6, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Contract Policy, Attn: Mr. Jeff Grover, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B938, Washington, DC 20301-3060; or by email to [jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeff Grover, telephone 703-697-9352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has concluded Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Agreements with 27 qualifying countries, as defined in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of an RDP Agreement is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These Agreements provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP Agreements generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the Agreement, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include the following:

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program.
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country.
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end

products and components of defense procurements.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes an RDP Agreement with the Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania, then Lithuania would be listed as one of the qualifying countries in the definition of “qualifying country” at DFARS 225.003, and offers of products of Lithuania or that contain components from Lithuania would be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means that U.S. products would be exempt from any analogous “Buy Lithuania” and “Buy European Union” laws or policies applicable to procurements by the Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence or Armed Forces.

While DoD is evaluating Lithuania’s laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry’s experience in participating in Lithuania’s public defense procurements. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of Lithuania’s Ministry of National Defence or Armed Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process in accordance with published procedures, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and Lithuania when it comes to the openness of defense procurements to offers of products from the other country.

**Authority:** DoD Instruction 5000.35, Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR) System.

**Jennifer Johnson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS 2023) Main Study Sampling, Recruitment, and Data Collection

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is