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The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before October 13, 2023. For information on the Commission's privacy policy, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, see <https://www.ftc.gov/site-information/privacy-policy>.

**Josephine Liu,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Fees for Cruise Ship Operational Sanitation, Construction, and Renovation Inspections

**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, construction, and renovation inspections for fiscal year (FY) 2024. These inspections are conducted by HHS/CDC's Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP). VSP helps the cruise industry fulfill its responsibility for developing and implementing comprehensive sanitation programs to minimize the risk for acute gastroenteritis. Every passenger cruise vessel that has a foreign itinerary involving a U.S. port and carries 13 or more passengers is subject to twice-yearly unannounced operational sanitation inspections and, when

necessary, reinspection. Cruise vessel design and equipment must meet VSP's sanitary design criteria standards and routine operational inspection requirements. Cruise vessel owners or shipyards that build or renovate cruise vessels can request construction or renovation inspections of new or renovated vessels before their first or next operational inspection.

**DATES:** These fees apply to inspections conducted from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

CAPT Luis Rodriguez, 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 industry. VSP helps the cruise 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). 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 insanitary conditions requiring measures for the prevention of the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases.

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 2024 (beginning on October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024).

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

Weighted number of annual inspections = 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 December 1, 2022 (87 FR 73767). The fee schedule for FY 2024 is presented in Appendix A.

**Fee**

The fee schedule (Appendix A) applies to inspections conducted from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

**Applicability**

The fees will apply to all passenger cruise vessels for which inspections are conducted as part of HHS/CDC’s Vessel Sanitation Program.

**Tiffany Brown,**

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**Appendix A**

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR EACH VESSEL SIZE—OPERATIONAL SANITATION INSPECTIONS**

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 (<https://www.lr.org/en/>).

Operational sanitation inspections and re-inspections 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 (<https://www.lr.org/en/>).

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “Advancing Violence Epidemiology in Real-Time (AVERT)” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on 3/24/2023 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received one non-substantive comment related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

- (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639–7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

**Proposed Project**

Advancing Violence Epidemiology in Real-Time (AVERT)—NEW—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

In FY2020, CDC funded the Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms (FASTER) initiative, which provided funding for 10 U.S. jurisdictions to share firearm injury-related emergency department (ED) visit data with CDC. As firearm injuries increased significantly in recent years