

| Agency | Sub-agency | Title Of Initiative/Rule or ICR  | RIN/OMB Control Number | Summary of Initiative  | Status of Initiative -- New to this update, Ongoing, or Completed | Target Completion Date (if completed, please add the publication date and cite in Federal Register for example)  | Does the Initiative include pilot projects, safe harbor exemptions, sunset provisions, trigger provisions, streamlined requirements, state flexibilities, or other similar strategies? | What methods will you engage in to identify improvements (public comment, analyses, third party assessments, etc). Please identify all that apply | If Available, anticipated or realized savings in costs &/or burdens and anticipated or realized changes in benefits  |
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| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Final Rule to Change the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Dealer Landings Reporting Methodology   | 0648-BG16              | This rule announced a change in the dealer landings reporting methodology for Atlantic bluefin tuna from use of handwritten and faxed landings reports to use of an electronic reporting system via the Internet. This rule specifies the effective date for use of the online system and elimination of the fax option.   | New; Completed  | Final rule published in the Federal Register on June 29, 2016 (81 FR 42290)  | Streamlined requirements   | Public outreach efforts   | The rule makes it easier for bluefin tuna dealers to report landings data by providing a less burdensome online system in lieu of using paper landings reports and fax.  |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Proposed Rule to Implement Landings Requirement  | 0648-BF83              | This rule would implement a requirement for tender vessel operators to use the NMFS-developed applications software "Landings" to prepare electronic landing reports. A tender vessel transports unprocessed fish received from catcher vessels to an associated processor.  | New   | Proposed rule expected July 2016   | No   | Public comment  | This action will improve timeliness and reliability of landing reports for catcher vessels delivering to tender vessels for use in catch accounting and inseason management.   |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Final Rule to Implement the International Trade Data System  | 0648-AX63              | The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a proposed rule on December 29, 2015, to integrate electronic information collection within the government-wide International Trade Data System (ITDS). Electronic filing will be required in the new Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system, including partner government agency message sets (including NMFS') and the application of PGA business rules in entry processing.  | New   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2015 (80 FR 81251); Final rule expected July 2016  | Streamlined requirements   | Public comment  | Electronic collection of trade data through a single portal will result in a reduction of the public reporting burden and the agency's data collection costs, will improve the timeliness and accuracy of admissibility decisions, and increase the effectiveness of applicable trade restrictive measures. When overall total new burdens for the three requirements proposed under this rule (ITP, data set submission, and admissibility document(s) submission) are compared to current burdens, the new burdens are estimated to result in an overall net burden decrease of 4,225 hours and \$63,650.  |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Proposed Rule to Implement an Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Amendment to Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan   | 0648-BF52              | This rule would create an option for Pacific whiting and groundfish fixed gear vessels to use electronic video monitoring as an alternative to human observers to meet requirements for 100% observer coverage in the catch share program.   | New   | Proposed rule expected August 2016   | Regulatory flexibilities   | Public comment  | Vessels participating in the catch share program are required to carry an observer on all trips to ensure total accountability for at-sea discards. For some vessels, electronic monitoring may have lower costs than observers and a reduced logistical burden. By allowing vessels the option to use electronic monitoring to meet monitoring requirements, this action is intended to increase operational flexibility and reduce monitoring costs for the Pacific whiting fleet.   |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Final Rule to Implement Electronic Fish (E-fish) Tickets and Modify Joint Registration and the Own/Hold Control Limit for West Coast Sablefish Fishery   | 0648-BE42              | NOAA Fisheries is issuing a final rule to implement Electronic Fish Tickets (e-fish tickets) for all West Coast sablefish landings (i.e., Tier/primary, daily trip limit, and open access fisheries), modify the own/hold control limit.   | New   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on June 1, 2016 (81 FR 34947); Final rule expected August 2016   | Streamlined requirements   | Public comment  | This rule allows for electronic reporting and allows for joint registration of trawl and fixed gear on sablefish endorsed vessels.   |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Final Rule to Adjust Exempted Fishing Permit Requirements for Placement of Archival Tags   | 0648-BF10              | This rule proposes revisions to the requirement that people implanting tags in Atlantic highly migratory species obtain written authorization.   | New   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on April 14, 2016 (81 FR 22044); Final rule  | Regulatory flexibilities   | Public comment  | The rule considers options that would make the permitting process for tagging simpler and more efficient. This rule would modify the regulations so that researchers would no longer need to obtain written authorization from NMFS before implanting or affixing archival tags.   |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Purse Seine Fishing Restrictions during Closure Periods in Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species  | 0648-BF23              | operations on the high seas and in the U.S. exclusive economic zone in the area of application of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean during fishery closures triggered by reaching an annual limit on fishing effort. The action was taken to mitigate the adverse economic impacts of the fishery closures while continuing to contribute to their underlying objectives pursuant to the  | Completed   | Interim final rule published in the Federal Register on August 25, 2015 (80 FR 51478)  | Streamlined requirements   | Public comment, analyses  | fishing activities gives affected purse seine fishing businesses an alternative to having to refuel at port or in the waters of foreign nations. In many cases, this is expected to relieve fishing businesses of costs associated with lost fishing time while transiting, higher fuel prices, and in some cases, port-associated costs. The cost savings are expected to be in the tens of thousands of dollars per fueling event. The total cost savings will depend on the   |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Proposed Rule: Fishing Restrictions for the Area of Overlap Between the Convention Areas of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission | 0648-BF38              | the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean such that the management measures of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission would no longer apply in the area of overlapping jurisdiction, with the exception of regulations governing the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Regional Vessel Register. This action is expected to reduce the economic and regulatory burden on U.S. vessel owners and operators as well as reduce the administrative burden of ensuring compliance with both sets | Completed   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2015 (80 FR 80741); Final rule published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2016 (81 FR 24501) | Streamlined requirements   | Public comments   | In some instances this regulation would reduce costs, e.g. complying with one as opposed to two fishing closure requirements. In other instances, this regulation removes duplicative regulations, which may reduce the burden of time required to read, interpret, and ensure compliance with otherwise duplicative regulations. Similarly, this sort of time savings would likely apply to agency officials and thus, may generate additional opportunities to serve public interests.   |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Proposed Rule: Vessel Requirements to Obtain an International Maritime Organization Number per Resolution Adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission in 2014                         | 0648-BE99              | While the action does require U.S. vessel owners or operators to obtain an International Maritime Organization number, NMFS found ways to rely upon external data sources (IHS Maritime, and U.S. Coast Guard documentation records) to gather the International Maritime Organization numbers and decided not to require vessel owners to supply it on a permit application or other documents to eliminate the need to for additional reporting burdens to comply with IATTC Resolution C-14-01.   | Completed   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on October 27, 2015 (80 FR 65683); Final rule published in the Federal Register on January 14, 2016 (81 FR 1878) | Streamlined requirements   | Public comment  | the time burden placed on the private third party, IHS Maritime, has been eliminated. NMFS has established a free, online request registration system to simplify the process of obtaining an International Maritime Organization number by vessel owners. The proposed action includes appeal and exception provisions in the event that a vessel is unable to obtain an International Maritime Organization number from IHS Maritime. NMFS found other ways to obtain the information it needs related to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Resolution, and was able to avoid any additional regulatory burden to vessel owners and operators. |
| DOC    | NOAA/NMFS  | Final Rule to Implement Changes to the Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat under the Endangered Species Act   | 0648-BB79              | This rule clarifies procedures for designating and revising critical habitat and clarifies the meaning of "geographical area occupied by the species" by expanding the definition  | Ongoing   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on May 12, 2014 (79 FR 27066); Final rule published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2016 (81 FR 7414)    | No   | Public comment  | These proposed amendments are based on the review of the regulations by DOI's Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS and are intended to add clarity for the public, clarify expectations regarding critical habitat and provide for a credible, predictable, and simplified critical-habitat-designation process.   |

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| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Final Rule to Amend the Definition of Destruction or Adverse Modification of Critical Habitat under the Endangered Species Act                    | 0648-BB80  | This rule would amend the definition of "destruction or adverse modification" to replace the invalidated definition with one that is consistent with the ESA and circuit court opinions.   | Ongoing   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on May 12, 2014 (79 FR 27066); Final rule published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2016 (81 FR 7214)   | No  | Public comment   | The rule provides clear, consistent, and predictable application of the definition during our ESA section 7 consultations. The changes make our regulation consistent with current practice.   |
| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Final Policy on Exclusions from Critical Habitat under the Endangered Species Act   | 0648-BB82  | This draft policy explains how NOAA Fisheries considers partnerships and conservation plans, habitat conservation plans, tribal lands, military lands, and Federal lands in the process of determining whether to exclude lands from a critical habitat designation where the benefits of exclusion outweigh the benefits of designating the area as critical habitat.   | Ongoing   | Proposed policy published in the Federal Register on May 12, 2014 (79 FR 27052); Final policy published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2016 (81 FR 7226)   | No  | Public comment   | This policy will clarify how the USFWS and NMFS exclude lands from critical habitat designations to speed up the review and decision-making process for these agencies. It will also provide greater clarity and predictability to other federal agencies and tribal partners about how their lands may be designated as critical habitat.   |
| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Crab Rationalization Program Review   | N/A        | Improve resource conservation, operating efficiency, and fishermen's safety while maintaining participation by remote communities. These lucrative fisheries were subject to overcapitalization and intense effort during the 1990s. Dangerous weather conditions combined with the rush to fish during open seasons to create critical problems with safety at sea and product supply and processing. In order to address these problems, to account for the diverse nature of stakeholders involved, and to maintain the fishery's historic economic importance to many remote fishing and processing communities, in 2005 NOAA implemented the Crab Rationalization Program. We are now reviewing this program for possible improvements. | Ongoing   | Work Plan produced February 2015; Council input incorporated and revised Plan released April 2015; staff working group program review ongoing   | No  | Public outreach efforts, multiple opportunities for review and input, coordinated Fishery Management Council process, public comment | While the review is still in the design process, we plan to look broadly at the many elements of the program and execute the review with an extensive public engagement process. In February, our work plan was provided to the public for an opportunity for review and comment, and after considering that comment we will begin analyzing the program and searching for any necessary improvements.   |
| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Revised and Updated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures for Magnuson-Stevens Act fishery management actions; request for comments | 0648-XD124 | the context of Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) fishery management actions that clarifies roles and responsibilities of NMFS and the Regional Fishery Management Councils (FMCs), explains timing and procedural linkages, provides guidance on documentation needs, and fosters partnerships and cooperation between NMFS and FMCs on NEPA compliance. NMFS consulted with the Councils and with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) on proposed revisions to the 2013 NMFS NEPA policy directive, and based on those consultations NMFS now proposes to use this policy as a basis for issuing revised and updated NEPA procedures for MSA actions in the form of a line-office supplement to NOAA Administrative Order 216-6.            | Completed | Notice of Availability of draft policy published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2014 (79 FR 36726); Notice of Availability of final policy published in the Federal Register on February 23, 2016 (81 FR 8920) | Streamlined requirements.   | Public comment, Fishery Management Council input   | The draft NEPA procedures make several improvements in the NEPA process for FMC initiated fishery management actions that will streamline the NEPA process. The procedures (1) clarify NEPA roles and responsibilities while encouraging collaboration and early integration of processes; (2) encourage completion of as much of the NEPA process at the Council level and establish a procedural nexus linking NEPA's requirements with MSA's; (3) better integrate MSA and NEPA required documentation; and (4) provide instructions in using NEPA tools to gain greater efficiencies in the process.                               |
| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Final Rule for Revisions to the Guidelines for National Standards 1, 3, and 7   | 0648-BB92  | experienced many changes, in particular the implementation of annual catch limits and accountability measures to end and prevent overfishing. Based on this experience and discussions held during major public engagement processes like Managing Our Nations Fisheries III, the National Recreational Fishing Summit, and many other forums such as Council and MAFAC meetings, NOAA Fisheries believes the National Standard guidelines can be improved to enhance the utility of the guidelines for managers and the public. The objective of these proposed revisions is to improve and streamline the National Standard guidelines, address concerns raised during the implementation of annual catch limits and                       | Ongoing   | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on January 20, 2015 (80 FR 2786); Final rule expected in July 2016  | Streamlined provisions  | Public comment, multiple public meetings including major national stakeholder gathering  | The rule will improve and streamline the National Standard guidelines, address concerns raised during the implementation of annual catch limits and accountability measures, and provide flexibility within current statutory limits to address fishery management issues.   |
| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Final Regulations for the Designation of Experimental Populations under Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act                               | 0648-BE43  | NOAA Fisheries will finalize regulations to implement section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act dealing with experimental populations. NOAA Fisheries had previously utilized the provisions of Section 10(j) to designate experimental populations of west coast salmonids (three populations were designated in 2013 and 2014 when there were no existing 10(j) regulations). Now that we have gained some experience in the use of section 10(j) we are finalizing our own implementing regulations for section 10(j) that will help provide clarity and reduce uncertainty for the public about our practices. We are finalizing these regulations as proposed with no changes.  | Completed | Proposed rule published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2015 (80 FR 45924); Final rule published in the Federal Register on May 26, 2016 (81 FR 33416)   | No  | Public comment   | This rule will clarify process and provide certainty for the public and the agency regarding the establishment of experimental populations of listed species. Experimental populations are a flexible regulatory mechanism provided for in the ESA that may contribute to recovery goals.  |
| DOC | NOAA/NMFS | Amendment 110 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Area                                    | 0648-BF25  | salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery to minimize salmon bycatch in the pollock fishery to the extent practicable. Currently, Chinook and chum salmon bycatch are managed under two different programs, which has led to inefficiencies and does not allow the pollock fishery the flexibility to modify their harvest patterns and practices to effectively minimize both Chinook and chum salmon bycatch. This regulation would make salmon bycatch management more effective, comprehensive, and efficient by increasing flexibility to respond to changing conditions and providing greater incentives to reduce bycatch of both salmon species.  | Completed | Notice of Availability of draft policy published in the Federal Register on January 8, 2016 (81 FR 897); Final rule published in the Federal Register on June 10, 2016 (81 FR 37534)                                | Streamlined provisions, combination of two regulatory structures into one comprehensive structure | Public Comment   | This regulation would provide the flexibility to harvest pollock in times and places that best achieve salmon avoidance and to adapt to changing conditions quickly.   |
| DOC | NOAA/ONMS | Amendments to National Marine Sanctuary Regulations   | 0648-AV85  | NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is preparing a regulatory review and update of the program regulations of the national marine sanctuaries, to remove inconsistencies and redundancies and eliminate outmoded regulations. ONMS has periodically performed reviews of the regulations; however this review is more comprehensive and would not only make technical revisions, but would also reorganize large sections of the regulations to streamline them into a more coherent form and make them internally consistent.  | Ongoing   | Expected completion Q4 2016   | Streamline requirements   | Public comments  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidate regulations applicable to all sanctuaries into appropriate subparts.</li> <li>• Eliminate general requirements that are either outmoded or merely duplicative of existing statutory requirements.</li> <li>• Amend procedures for identifying and evaluating marine sites for possible national marine sanctuaries designation.</li> <li>• Adopt standard boundary descriptions.</li> <li>• Harmonize and consolidate definitions that are common to all sanctuaries.</li> <li>• Reorganize, update, and consolidate the permitting regulations into a single subpart.</li> </ul> |

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| DOC | NOAA/ON MS   | Conducting Consultations Pursuant to Section 304(d) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act  | 0648-AV89 | NOAA is developing proposed regulations to implement certain aspects of the consultation provisions of section 304(d) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. NOAA previously issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requesting comments on whether the development of regulations for the 304(d) provisions was warranted and, if so, what such regulations should contain to ensure the efficient application and implementation of, and compliance with, this statutory requirement. | Ongoing   | Expected completion Q4 2016                         | Trigger provisions               | Public comments  | Not yet available   |
| DOC | NOAA/NES DIS | Licensing of Private Remote Sensing Space Systems   | 648-AT00  | NESDIS is conducting a periodic review and update of regulations at 15 CFR Part 960 governing the licensing and compliance of private remote-sensing space systems.   | Ongoing   | Review process ongoing; expected completion 4Q 2017 | No                               | Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing review, public comment, stakeholder meetings | Any proposed updates to the regulations would be intended to improve the growth and international competitiveness of U.S.-based private remote-sensing space systems, while preserving U.S. national security and international obligations.  |
| DOC | BIS          | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Export Control Classification Number 0Y521 Series, Items Not Elsewhere Listed on the Commerce Control List (CCL)  | 0694-AF17 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control. Creation of a temporary classification was part of this initiative.  | Completed | 4/13/12 77 FR 22191                                 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | No effect on burden at publication; no items controlled under this classification at this time. The benefit of this rule is that it creates a temporary classification for items that warrant export control but are not yet identified on the CCL, while the U.S. Government works to adopt a control through the relevant multilateral regime(s); to determine an appropriate longer-term control over the item; or determines that the item does not warrant control on the CCL.   |
| DOC | BIS          | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Energetic Materials and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List                   | 0694-AF53 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 5/2/12 77 FR 25932                                  | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for energetic materials and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.                      |
| DOC | BIS          | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Gas Turbine Engines and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List                      | 0694-AF41 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 12/6/2011 76 FR 76072                               | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for gas turbine engines and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.                      |
| DOC | BIS          | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Auxiliary and Miscellaneous Items that No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List and Items on the Wassenaar Arrangement Munitions List   | 0694-AF51 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 5/18/12 77 FR 29564                                 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for auxiliary and miscellaneous items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.                          |
| DOC | BIS          | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Personal Protective Equipment, Shelters, and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List | 0694-AF58 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 6/7/12 77 FR 33688                                  | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for personal protective equipment, shelters, and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction. |
| DOC | BIS          | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military Training Equipment and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List           | 0694-AF54 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 6/13/12 77 FR 35310                                 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military training equipment and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.              |
| DOC | BIS          | "Specially Designed" Definition   | 0694-AF66 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control. Creation of a "specially designed" definition was part of this initiative.   | Completed | 6/19/12 77 FR 36409                                 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment   | This proposed rule does not affect the jurisdiction of any items. BIS believes it will facilitate enhanced public understanding of a key term used extensively on the Commerce Control List. The term would also be used in controls that would apply to items transitioned from State to Commerce.   |

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| DOC | BIS | Feasibility of Enumerating "Specially Designed" Components   | 0694-AF68 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control. Creation of a "specially designed" definition was part of this initiative. | Completed | 6/19/12  | 77 FR 36419 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | This advance notice of proposed rulemaking solicited public comments with the intention of making the Commerce Control List more objective, which would aid compliance.  |
| DOC | BIS | Proposed Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Implementation of Export Control Reform; Revisions to License Exceptions After Retrospective Regulatory Review  | 0694-AF65 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 6/21/12  | 77 FR 37524 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | In addition to proposing measures to ease the transition process for items moving from State to Commerce jurisdiction, this proposed rule, as a result of retrospective regulatory review, would streamline certain license exceptions to eliminate complex or outmoded provisions.  |
| DOC | BIS | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military Electronic Equipment and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List   | 0694-AF64 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 11/28/12 | 77 FR 70945 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military electronic equipment and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.                 |
| DOC | BIS | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to Make the Commerce Control List (CCL) Clearer   | 0694-AF37 | Revising the Commerce Control List to make it clearer and aid compliance.   | Completed | 11/29/12 | 77 FR 71214 | Streamlined requirements         | Public comment | No effect on burden hours. Because license requirements are often based on item classification according to the CCL, benefits include increased clarity to aid compliance and enforcement.   |
| DOC | BIS | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform  | 0694-AF65 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 4/16/13  | 78 FR 22660 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | collections. State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction. Defining "specially designed" in this rule facilitates enhanced public understanding of a key term. In addition to measures to ease the transition process for items moving from State to Commerce jurisdiction, this rule, as a result of retrospective regulatory review, streamlined certain license exceptions to eliminate complex or outmoded provisions. |
| DOC | BIS | Export Administration Regulations: Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List   | 0694-AF87 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 5/24/13  | 78 FR 31431 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for spacecraft systems and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.  |
| DOC | BIS | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Military Vehicles; Vessels of War; Submersible Vessels, Oceanographic Equipment; Related Items; and Auxiliary and Miscellaneous Items that the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control under the United States Munitions List | 0694-AF39 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 7/8/13   | 78 FR 40892 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | Increases in burden hours are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections. State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Due to limited export and reexport trade in submersible vessels, oceanographic equipment, and related items, little to no effect on burden should occur. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.   |
| DOC | BIS | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military Electronic Equipment and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List   | 0694-AF64 | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.  | Completed | 7/25/13  | 78 FR 45026 | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military electronic equipment and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.                 |
| DOC | BIS | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) To Make the Commerce Control List (CCL) Clearer   | 0694-AF37 | Revising the Commerce Control List to make it clearer and aid compliance.   | Completed | 10/4/13  | 78 FR 61874 | Streamlined requirements         | Public comment | No effect on burden hours. Because license requirements are often based on item classification according to the CCL, benefits include increased clarity to aid compliance and enforcement.   |

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| DOC | BIS   | Control of Military Training Equipment, Energetic Materials, Personal Protective Equipment, Shelters, Articles Related to Launch Vehicles, Missiles, Rockets, Military Explosives, and Related Items            | 0694-AF58                   | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.   | Completed          | 1/2/14  | 79 FR 264  | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment  | Increases in burden hours are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.   |
| DOC | BIS   | Proposed Revisions to the Support Document Requirements of the Export Administration Regulations in Response to Executive Order 13563 Retrospective Regulatory Review   | 0694-AG00                   | This rule would streamline support documentation requirements (Retrospective Regulatory Review).   | Completed          | 4/9/14  | 79 FR 19552  | Streamlined requirements         | Public comment  | This proposed rule would affect four collection numbers: Approval of Triangular Transactions Involving Commodities Covered by a U.S. Import Certificate (collection number 0694-0009), Delivery Verification Certificate (0694-0016), International Import Certificate (0694-0017), Statement by Ultimate Consignee and Purchaser (0694-0021), and Import Certificates And End-User Certificates (0694-0093). Proposed revisions would yield an estimated net decrease in burden hours of more than 800 hours across these collections. Clarifying the requirements for support documentation will aid compliance and enforcement.   |
| DOC | BIS   | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)            | 0694-AF87                   | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.   | Completed          | 5/13/14 | 79 FR 27417  | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment  | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for spacecraft systems and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.  |
| DOC | BIS   | Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military Electronic Equipment and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML) | 0694-AF64                   | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.   | Completed          | 7/1/14  | 79 FR 37551  | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment  | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military electronic equipment and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.                                     |
| DOC | BIS   | Civil Uses of Certain Microwave Monolithic Integrated Circuit (MMIC) Power Amplifiers, Discrete Microwave Transistors and Bi-Static and Multi-Static Radar  | n/a                         | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.   | Completed          | 7/1/14  | 79 FR 37548  | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment  | This notice of inquiry solicits public comments on specific examples of civil uses of certain items subject to control as military electronics. Public comments received in response to the proposed military electronics rules asserted such civil end uses but did not provide specific examples.  |
| DOC | BIS   | EAR Revision: Items Related to Launch Vehicles, Missiles, Rockets, and Military Explosive Devices the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List                     | 0694-AF56                   | The Export Control Reform initiative moves less militarily significant items from State to more flexible Commerce control.   | Completed          | 1/31/13 | 78 FR 6750   | Increased regulatory flexibility | Public comment  | Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for items related to launch vehicles, missiles, rockets, and military explosive devices moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction. |
| DOC | USPTO | Trademark Fee Adjustment  | RIN 0651-AD08               | As described above, USPTO conducted an internal biennial fee review considering ways that the USPTO fee structure might be improved, including a rulemaking pursuant to the USPTO's fee setting authority under Section 10 of the America Invents Act. In November 2015, USPTO's Trademark Public Advisory Committee (TPAC) held a public hearing to discuss USPTO current TM fee proposals, as required by the America Invents Act. TPAC issued a report, which USPTO reviewed, and based on that review and public comments received at the hearing, USPTO developed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing certain TM fee changes. That NPRM was published on May 27, 2016 (81 FR 33619). The comment period for the NPRM closes on July 11, 2016. USPTO will review the public comments received and anticipates issuing a final rule based on this review, implementing certain adjustments to the TM fee schedule, later in 2016. | Ongoing            |         | NPRM published May 27, 2016 (81 FR 33619) – Final Rule anticipated to publish in 2016  | No                               | Public Advisory Committee public hearings, Public Comment, public roundtables/outreach  |  |
| DOC | USPTO | Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules of Practice   | RIN 0651-AC35               | In April 2016, TTAB issued an NPRM proposing to amend the regulations governing the rules of practice before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("Board") to provide for more efficiency and clarity in inter partes and ex parte proceedings (April 4, 2016 – 81 FR 19296). Amendments are being proposed to reduce the burden on the parties, conform the rules to current practice, update references that have changed, reflect technologic changes, and ensure the usage of standard, current terminology. The proposed rules would also further strategic objectives of the Office to increase the end-to-end electronic processing by requiring parties to submit all filings using the Board's electronic filing system. The comment period on the rule closed on June 3, 2016, and TTAB is now reviewing the public comments received and preparing a final rule in light of the feedback received from the public.             | Ongoing            |         | NPRM published April 4, 2016 (81 FR 19296) – Final Rule anticipated to publish in 2016 | No                               | Public Comment, public roundtables/outreach   |  |
| DOC | BEA   | Streamlining Annual and Benchmark Surveys of Direct Investment  | 0608-0049, 0053, 0042, 0034 | This initiative will reduce respondent burden by streamlining BEA's annual and benchmark surveys of direct investment. Data items will be individually evaluated in terms of data quality and usefulness for each survey to determine whether the data item should be retained. Exemption levels for surveys and for "long" and "short" forms will be reviewed and raised to a level that balances data quality and burden.  | New to this update |         | Jan-16   | No                               | Survey staff will perform outreach to respondents to determine what items on multinational operations are readily available in internal systems that might be easier for respondents to access and report than what is currently collected. | Eliminate 56,200 total burden hours/\$2.2 million total cost burden  |

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| DOC | BEA | Expanding Use of eFile on BEA's Surveys | 0608-0049, 0053, 0042, 0034, 0009, 0066, 0067, 0065 | This initiative will reduce respondent burden by encouraging the use of eFile, BEA's electronic survey filing system. Several different approaches will be used depending on the survey, including: 1) require respondents to contact BEA if they wish to receive paper forms (otherwise they just receive notification letters with information on accessing eFile), 2) extend the survey filing deadline by one month for respondents that choose to use eFile, 3) contact respondents that file on paper by phone to invite them to use eFile, and 4) gather requirements and input from survey respondents to upgrade the eFile system to better meet the needs of respondents. | Completed | Jan-15 | No | Public Comment | Eliminated 11,800 total burden hours/\$472,000 total cost burden |
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