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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

8 CFR Parts 215 and 235

[Docket No. USCBP–2020–0062]

RIN 1651–AB12

Collection of Biometric Data From Aliens Upon Entry to and Departure From the United States; Re-Opening of Comment Period

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; re-opening of comment period.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register* on November 19, 2020, concerning collection of facial images and other biometrics from aliens entering and departing the United States. Based on comments received on the NPRM, CBP has decided to re-open the comment period for an additional 30 days.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking published on November 19, 2020 at 85 FR 74162, are reopened. Comments must be received on or before March 12, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Ortiz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Field Operations, ashley.ortiz@cbp.dhs.gov or (202) 412–7332.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by docket number USCBP–2020–0062, by the following method:

■ *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Due to COVID–19-related restrictions, CBP has temporarily suspended its ability to receive public comments by mail.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and

docket title for this rulemaking, and must reference docket number USCBP–2020–0062. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the “Public Participation” heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Due to relevant COVID–19-related restrictions, CBP has temporarily suspended on-site public inspection of submitted comments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments on the NPRM. Comments that will provide the most assistance to CBP will reference a specific portion of the NPRM, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include data, information, or authority that support such recommended change.

Background

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is required by statute to develop and implement an integrated, automated entry and exit data system to match records, including biographic data and biometrics, of aliens entering and departing the United States. Although the current regulations provide that DHS may require certain aliens to provide biometrics when entering and departing the United States, they only authorize DHS to require certain aliens to provide biometrics upon departure under pilot programs at land ports and at up to 15 airports and seaports. To advance the legal framework for DHS to begin a comprehensive biometric entry-exit system, DHS is proposing to amend the regulations to remove the references to pilot programs and the port limitation to permit collection of biometrics from aliens departing from airports, land ports, seaports, or any other authorized point of departure. In addition, to enable U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to make the process for verifying the identity of aliens more

efficient, accurate, and secure by using facial recognition technology, DHS is proposing to amend the regulations to provide that all aliens may be required to be photographed upon entry and/or departure. U.S. citizens may voluntarily opt out of participating in CBP’s biometric verification program. The NPRM also makes other minor conforming and editorial changes to the regulations. For more detailed information on all of the proposed changes, see the NPRM published on November 19, 2020 at 85 FR 74162.

Based on the comments received, CBP is re-opening the comment period to allow for additional comments to be submitted on the NPRM. Comments must be received on or before March 12, 2021.

Dated: February 4, 2021.

William A. Ferrara,

Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

30 CFR Part 250

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

30 CFR Part 550

[Docket ID: BSEE–2019–0008, EEEE500000, 21XE1700DX, EX1SF0000.EAQ000]

RIN 1082–AA01

Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Revisions to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE); Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (DOI or Department), acting through BSEE and BOEM, is reopening the comment period for Proposed Rule: Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Revisions

to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2020.

DATES: BSEE and BOEM are reopening the comment period for the proposed rule published December 9, 2020 at 85 FR 79266 until April 9, 2021. You may also submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the information collection burden in this proposed rule by April 9, 2021. The deadline for comments on the information collection burden does not affect the deadline for the public to comment to BSEE and BOEM on the proposed regulations.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on BSEE's or BOEM's sections of the rulemaking by any of the following methods. For comments on this proposed rule and associated documents, please use the Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1082-AA01 as an identifier in your message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry entitled, "Enter Keyword or ID," enter BSEE-2019-0008, then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking. BSEE and BOEM may post all submitted comments.

- *Mail or hand-carry comments to the DOI, BSEE and BOEM:* Attention: Regulations and Standards Branch, 45600 Woodland Road, VAE-ORP, Sterling, VA 20166. Please reference RIN 1082-AA01, "Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf—Revisions to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf," in your comments, and include your name and return address.

- *Send comments on the information collection in this rule to:* Interior Desk Officer 1082-AA01, Office of Management and Budget; 202-395-5806 (fax); or via the online portal at RegInfo.gov. Please also send a copy to BSEE and BOEM by one of the means previously described.

- *Public Availability of Comments:* 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. For BSEE and BOEM to withhold from disclosure your personal identifying information, you must identify any information contained in your comment submittal that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted

invasion of your personal privacy. You must also briefly describe any possible harmful consequence(s) of the disclosure of this information, such as embarrassment, injury, or other harm. While you may request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public access, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions related to regulatory changes BSEE is proposing in Part 250, contact Mark E. Fesmire, BSEE, Alaska Regional Office, mark.fesmire@bsee.gov, (907) 334-5300. For technical questions related to regulatory changes BOEM is proposing in Part 550, contact Joel Immaraj, BOEM, Alaska Regional Office, joel.immaraj@boem.gov, (907) 334-5238. For procedural questions contact Bryce Barlan, BSEE, Regulations and Standards Branch, regs@bsee.gov, (703) 787-1126.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2020, the Department published the Proposed Rule: Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Revisions to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf and opened a 60-day public comment period, which closed February 8, 2021. After publication of the proposed rule, BSEE and BOEM received requests to extend the comment period on the proposed rule for 60 days. BSEE and BOEM are reopening the comment period for an additional 60 days to provide additional time for review of and comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Accordingly, comments must be submitted by the extended due date of April 9, 2021. BSEE and BOEM may not fully consider comments received after this date.

Laura Daniel Davis,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2020-0460]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Cocos Lagoon, Merizo, GU

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is proposing to establish a recurring safety zone for navigable waters within Cocos Lagoon. This safety zone will encompass the designated swim course for the Cocos Crossing swim event in the waters of Cocos Lagoon, Merizo, Guam. Race participants, chase boats, and organizers of the event will be exempt from the safety zone. Entry of persons or vessels into the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Guam. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before March 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2020-0460 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email Chief Petty Officer Robert Davis, Sector Guam, U.S. Coast Guard, by telephone at (671) 355-4866, or email at WWMGuam@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

The Cocos Crossing swim event is a recurring annual event that occurs on the Sunday before Memorial Day. We have established safety zones for this swim event in past years.

The purpose of this rule is to ensure the safety of the participants and the navigable waters in the safety zone