§ 122.61 Aircraft required to clear.

(a) Private aircraft leaving the United States as defined in §122.22, for a foreign area are required to clear as set forth in §122.26. All other aircraft, except for public aircraft leaving the United States for a foreign area, are required to clear if:

1. Carrying passengers and/or merchandise for hire; or
2. Taking aboard or discharging passengers and/or merchandise for hire in a foreign area.

(b) Any aircraft used by members of air travel clubs are required to clear, and foreign aircraft traveling under a permit to proceed shall also clear.


§ 122.62 Aircraft not otherwise required to clear.

(a) Bureau of the Census. Under Bureau of the Census Regulations (15 CFR part 30), aircraft not required to clear by §122.61 shall obtain permission to depart if carrying merchandise from the U.S. to Puerto Rico or from Puerto Rico to the U.S.

(b) Bureau of Industry and Security. Aircraft leaving the U.S. for a foreign area must be cleared by Customs if a validated license from the Bureau of Industry and Security (Department of Commerce) is required for the aircraft under the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR parts 730 through 774).

(c) Department of State. Aircraft not covered by Export Administration Regulations are subject to the Department of State export licensing authority as set out in 22 CFR parts 121 and 123. Such aircraft may depart from the U.S. only with the proper Department of State license.


§ 122.63 Scheduled airlines.

The aircraft commander or agent shall request clearance or permission to depart for aircraft of scheduled airlines covered by this subpart.

(a) Clearance at other than airport of final departure. Aircraft may clear at each airport where merchandise and/or passengers are taken on board for transport outside of the U.S. The clearance applies only to the merchandise and passengers boarding at each place. Clearance shall be requested at the Customs port of entry (regardless of whether it is an international airport) nearest to the place where merchandise and/or passengers are taken on board.
Clearance at final departure airport. Clearance or permission to depart may be requested at the Customs port of entry (regardless of whether it is an international airport) nearest the last departure airport.

Other aircraft. Clearance or permission to depart shall be requested by the aircraft commander or agent for aircraft covered by this subpart other than those of scheduled airlines. The request must be made to the director of the port of entry (regardless of whether it is an international airport) nearest the final departure airport.

Failure to depart. Once an aircraft has been cleared or given permission to depart it must depart within 72 hours. The aircraft commander or agent shall report promptly to the port director if departure is delayed beyond or cancelled within 72 hours after the aircraft received clearance or permission to depart.

Clearance or permission to depart denied. If advance electronic air cargo information is not received as provided in §192.14 of this chapter, Customs and Border Protection may deny clearance or permission for the aircraft to depart from the United States.

Subpart H—Documents Required for Clearance and Permission To Depart; Electronic Manifest Requirements for Passengers, Crew Members, and Non-Crew Members Onboard Commercial Aircraft Departing From the United States

Aircraft departing with no commercial export cargo.

(a) Application. This section applies to aircraft departing for foreign territory with no export cargo, but not to those aircraft which are themselves being exported.

(b) Timeliness. The request for telephone clearance must be received by the Customs officer in charge with sufficient time remaining before departure to ensure that Customs may undertake any necessary examination of the aircraft and cargo.

(c) Documentation. If clearance is granted by telephone, the aircraft commander is not required to file the documents required by this subpart.

General declaration and air cargo manifest.

(a) General declaration—(1) Form. The general declaration shall be on Customs Form 7507 and shall show all information required.

(2) If not cleared by telephone, an air cargo manifest containing the following statement, signed by the aircraft commander or agent, shall be submitted to Customs:

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that there is no cargo on board this aircraft.

Signature

(Aircraft Commander or Agent)

(b) Form. The air cargo manifest shall be on Customs Form 7509, and shall show all information required. If a general declaration...