

Informed Compliance publications and other material of interest to the importing and exporting community. The CD-ROMs would contain a small "Infobase Manager" program which would be installed on the PC's hard drive. The infobases themselves would remain on the CD-ROM, thereby conserving hard drive space. When a new CD-ROM is issued, the old one could be removed, since the CD-ROMs are cumulative. If this proposal is adopted, the first CD-ROMs would be available for the public in the Spring. An alternative to the above would be to provide the infobases on the CD-ROM without a program to run them. This would require the subscriber to purchase Folio Views® 3.1 from the Folio Corporation or an authorized reseller. A second alternative would be to put the ASCII (plain, un-indexed text) files containing the rulings and some other material or WordPerfect files on a CD-ROM without any indexing or hypertext program. Customs does not believe that this alternative will be as useful to the vast majority of users since the files will be uncompressed and unindexed and a search program will have to be purchased from another supplier.

Customs would encourage the broadest possible dissemination of the material contained on the CD-ROM infobases and would invite electronic publishers to add material on any commercial redistribution of the infobases. Customs also invites the public to identify the type of materials it would like to see on the CD-ROM.

Internet

Customs also proposes placing publications and other information of interest to the public on the Internet. Customs is considering including the CD-ROM infobases described above on the Internet where users could access,

and search the material without charge. The public is invited to comment on these proposals and identify other documents and material which the public believes should be made available on the Internet. Public accessibility to the Customs material on the Internet is anticipated for late Spring, 1996.

Microfiche

For many years, Customs made microfiche copies of rulings available to the public by annual subscription. The production of microfiche is an expensive and time consuming process compared to the preparation and production of electronic rulings, which is a by-product of writing the ruling itself. The number of microfiche subscribers has been declining since the diskette subscription services were introduced. Customs expects to eliminate the microfiche service effective October, 1996, the beginning of the fiscal year. However, if sufficient public interest exists in continuing the microfiche rulings, Customs may reconsider this decision. However, it is anticipated that subscription prices will have to be increased dramatically to continue the microfiche.

Comments

Customs requests comments on implementation of the CD-ROM project and the Internet project and elimination of the microfiche rulings. Persons wishing to comment on any of these projects should send their comments to the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations & Rulings, U.S. Customs Service, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20229. Comments may be reviewed at the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Suite 4000W, 1099 14th Street, Washington, DC 20005 during the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Persian Gulf Registry Questionnaire; VA Form 10-20988 (NR)

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Correction.

In Federal Register Volume 61, No. 20, appearing on page 3087, in the issue of Tuesday, January 30, 1996, make the following corrections:

1. On page 3087, in the first column, under **AGENCY:** The first and second lines should read "Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans".
2. On the same page, in the same column, under **SUMMARY:** the third and fourth lines should read "burden, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) invites the".
3. On the same page, in the same column, under **ADDRESSES:** the second and third lines should read "to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A4), Department of".

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By direction of the Secretary:

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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