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**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 6216, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: J. Edgar Nichols, Room 6216, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0053.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Abstract:* The Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles, Customs Form 3299, is prepared by the individual or the broker acting as agent for the individual, or in some cases, the Customs officer. It serves as a declaration for duty-free entry of merchandise under one of the applicable provisions of the tariff schedule.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This

submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 25,000.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* N/A.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Serially Numbered Substantial Holders or Containers

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Serially Numbered Substantial Holders or Containers. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

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*Title:* Serially Numbered Substantial Holders or Containers.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0101.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Abstract:* The marking is used to provide for duty free entry of holders or containers which were manufactured in the United States and exported and returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition by any process or manufacture. The regulations provide for duty free entry of holders or containers of foreign manufacture if duty has been paid before.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses, Institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 4.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 90.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* N/A.

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