

from night work and sleep loss. Thus, PVT lapses are a valid index for evaluating candidate technologies.

Additionally: (1) Each device will be time locked in real-time to PVT performance to permit coherence estimates for minute-to-minute fluctuations and bout-to-bout fluctuations in alertness-drowsiness across the entire 42 hour period of wakefulness; (2) suppliers of devices will have no knowledge of PVT lapse data during the course of their extracting drowsiness/alertness scores from their devices, while the researchers will have no knowledge of the device's scoring algorithm. This double blind procedure will be maintained throughout data acquisition and analysis; (3) to further optimize the reliability of coherence estimates, technology suppliers will also be unaware of the timing of data acquisition; and (4) processed data (drowsiness scores) received from device manufacturers and PVT lapse data (criterion vigilance performance scores) from the researcher will be electronically forwarded to an independent professional statistician for calculation of coherence results.

The independent coherence results will be used as the basis for assessing the validity of the submitted device. The non-obtrusiveness and ease of use by the subject driver of the device will be assessed by the researchers during the laboratory phase of this research and be noted. Additionally, the device must be "ready-to-use" with clear instructions on how to operate the device. This means that the laboratory researchers will not have to do any engineering or re-configuring of the devices in order to use them in the laboratory validation.

Results from this program will be important criteria in the selection of devices eligible to participate in the planned IVI Operational Field Test of Drowsy Driver Technology planned to begin in late FY 2001.

Technology Submission Instructions

Submit proposed device descriptions to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Public Docket Management Room at the address listed above. The submission should include the following:

1. A detailed description of the device, along with operating instructions.
2. It should be no more than 10 pages in length.
3. Any existing evidence of objective validity, reliability, sensitivity, or specificity is encouraged to be submitted. This information DOES NOT count toward the 10 page length limit.
4. Three copies of your submission.
5. Your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.
6. DO NOT submit your device at this time.
7. Applications, once submitted, become the property of the US DOT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

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Annual User Fee for Customs Broker Permit and National Permit; General Notice

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of due date for broker user fee.

SUMMARY: This is to advise Customs brokers that for 2001 the annual user fee of \$125 that is assessed for each permit held by an individual, partnership, association or corporate broker is due by

January 19, 2001. This announcement is being published to comply with the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

DATES: Due date for fee: January 19, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael S. Craig, Broker Management (202) 927-0380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-272) established that an annual user fee of \$125 is to be assessed for each Customs broker permit and National permit held by an individual, partnership, association, or corporation. This fee is set forth in the Customs Regulations in section 111.96 (19 CFR 111.96).

Customs Regulations provides that this fee is payable for each calendar year in each broker district where the broker was issued a permit to do business by the due date which will be published in the **Federal Register** annually. Broker districts are defined in the General Notice published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 60, No.187, September 27, 1995.

Section 1893 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-514), provides that notices of the date on which a payment is due of the user fee for each broker permit shall be published by the Secretary of Treasury in the **Federal Register** by no later than 60 days before such due date.

This document notifies brokers that for 2001, the due date for payment of the user fee is January 19, 2001. It is expected that annual user fees for brokers for subsequent years will be due on or about the twentieth of January of each year.

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