

At this meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

#### Agenda

- (1) Merchandise Processing Fee
- (2) Office of Rules & Regulations—Ruling Backlog
- (3) Compliance Assessment Team Program
- (4) Import Data & Customs Entry Issues: including ACE (Automated Commercial Environment) development; impact of bill S.1214; “Port and Maritime Security Act of 2001”; Study on Entry Procedures and Data Requirements
- (5) Update on Other Customs Matters

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee’s deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

**Timothy E. Skud,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade (Enforcement).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Customs Service

[T.D. 01-60]

#### Customs Accreditation and Approval of National Marine Consultants Incorporated as a Commercial Laboratory and Commercial Gauger

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of National Marine Consultants, Inc. of Matawan, New Jersey as a commercial laboratory and commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** National Marine Consultants, Inc. of Matawan, New Jersey, has applied to U.S. Customs under Parts 151.12 and 151.13 of the Customs Regulations for accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) and approval as a commercial gauger to gauge petroleum products under

Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory and approval as a commercial gauger. Specifically, National Marine Consultants, Inc. has been granted laboratory accreditation to perform the following test methods at their Thorofare, New Jersey site: (1) API Gravity, ASTM D 287 & ASTM D 1298; (2) Sediment, ATSM D 473 & ASTM D 95; (3) Distillation, ASTM D 86; (4) Saybolt Universal Viscosity, ASTM D 445; (5) Percent by weight of Sulfur, ASTM D 4294. Additionally, National Marine Consultants, Inc. has been granted approval to gauge petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Therefore, in accordance with Parts 151.12 and 151.13 of the Customs Regulations, National Marine Consultants, Inc. is hereby accredited to analyze and approved to gauge the products named above.

**LOCATION:** National Marine Consultants, Inc. accredited and approved site is located at: 650 Grove Road, Suite 111, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 13, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Parker, National Quality Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 927-1060.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

**Ira S. Reese,**

*Acting Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Customs Service

#### Extension of General Program Test for Transfer of International In-Transit Baggage

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that the test originally announced in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2000, and modified by a notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 2000,

regarding the transfer of international in-transit baggage is being extended for an additional year. The time for applying to participate in the test also is being reopened for an additional six-month period.

**DATES:** The testing period is extended to August 16, 2002. Written applications to participate in the test must be filed with Customs on or before February 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Air carriers that have entered into an agreement with the Government by signing an Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) Memorandum of Understanding may apply to participate in the program test by submitting a letter of application to the port director with jurisdiction over the airport where the transfer of international in-transit baggage will occur. Air carriers that wish to participate in the test can apply to participate in the APIS program by contacting Mike Cronin, Acting Executive Associate Commissioner for the Office of Programs, U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For operational or policy matters: Carlene Warren, Passenger Programs Branch, Office of Field Operations (202) 927-1391.

For regulatory matters: Larry L. Burton, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202) 927-1287.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On February 23, 2000, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 9054) announcing a program test that allows participating air carriers to more efficiently transfer accompanied air passenger baggage from one aircraft entering the United States to another aircraft departing from the United States enroute to a foreign destination. Under the test, participating air carriers will not be required to file an air cargo manifest (Customs Form 7509) but will instead electronically transmit certain required information to Customs while a flight is enroute to the United States.

The notice specified that the test covers accompanied, international, in-transit, checked baggage that arrives in the United States aboard one aircraft and departs from the United States aboard another aircraft. (This baggage is referred to as international-to-international baggage or ITI baggage.) The notice explained the air cargo manifest requirement and the ordinary ITI baggage processing procedure as provided for under the Customs Regulations; described the Advance