

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Customs Service****Reopening of Application Period for Participation in a National Customs Automation Program Test: First Phase of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for the ACE Account Portal**

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** A notice appeared in the *Federal Register* on May 1, 2002, announcing a 30 day application period for participation in the National Customs Automation Program test of the first phase of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for the Account Portal. The testing of this ACE Account Portal is scheduled to commence no earlier than October 28, 2002 and will run for approximately two years. The test will allow participating importers and authorized parties to access their Customs data via a web-based Account Portal. The test is the first step toward the full electronic processing of commercial importations in the ACE with a focus on defining and establishing the importer's account structure. This document announces a reopening of the application period.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The test application period is reopened until August 1, 2002, for purposes of establishing the initial forty importers to participate in the test. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding this notice may be submitted to Ms. Hedwig Lock at U.S. Customs Service, 2850 Eisenhower Ave.—First Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; e:mail address: [eisenhower@customs.treas.gov](mailto:eisenhower@customs.treas.gov); FAX number: (703) 329-5235. Applications to participate will only be accepted via e:mail sent to [eisenhower@customs.treas.gov](mailto:eisenhower@customs.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Hedwig Lock, U.S. Customs Service, Office Of Field Operations, Trade Programs, Commercial Compliance, Account Management; Tel. (703) 317-3657; e:mail address: [eisenhower@customs.treas.gov](mailto:eisenhower@customs.treas.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On May 1, 2002, Customs published a general notice in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 21800) announcing Customs plan to conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test of the

first phase of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for the Account Portal. The testing of this ACE Account Portal is scheduled to commence no earlier than October 28, 2002 and will run for approximately two years. The test will allow participating importers and authorized parties to access their Customs data via a web-based Account Portal. The test is the first step toward the full electronic processing of commercial importations in the ACE with a focus on defining and establishing the importer's account structure. The Account Portal has the ability to access, manage, and disseminate information in an efficient and secure manner.

Participants in this test will eventually have the opportunity to use the account management functions such as account access to their profile and transactional data via the web portal. Eventually the account owner will also have the option to delegate portal access. In the initial phase of the test program participants will only have access to static data and basic account profile information necessary to establish an account. In the later stages of the test, participants will have access to more extensive operational transaction data through the web portal.

In the notice announcing the test, Customs stated that it planned to select approximately forty importer accounts from the list of qualified applicants for the initial deployment of this test and stated that to be considered as eligible as one of the initial participants, applications must be received by June 1, 2002. (A primary benefit for the initial participants will be an early opportunity to provide direct input into the initial design of the Account Portal.) Customs also stated that additional participants may be selected throughout the duration of this test.

Because of insufficient applications received by Customs within the initial 30-day time frame, Customs is extending the application period until August 1, 2002, for those desiring to be one of the initial participants. While applications for participation may be submitted to Customs at any time, any applications received after Customs has selected forty participants will be considered on a waiting list basis pending expansion of the technology.

Anyone interested in participating in the test should refer to the test notice published in the *Federal Register* on May 1, 2002, for eligibility and application information.

Dated: June 13, 2002.

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*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form W-2G**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form W-2G, Certain Gambling Winnings.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 19, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, or through the internet ([Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov)), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Certain Gambling Winnings.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0238.

*Form Number:* Form W-2G.

*Abstract:* Internal Revenue Code sections 6041, 3402(q), and 3406 require payers of certain gambling winnings to withhold tax and to report the winnings to the IRS. IRS uses the information to verify compliance with the reporting rules and to verify that the winnings are properly reported on the recipient's tax return.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, state or local