

Application for Allowance in Duties. 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)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 24, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Information Services Branch, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP 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 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (a) 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 request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Application for Allowance in Duties.

OMB Number: 1651-0007.

Form Number: Form 4315.

Abstract: This collection is required by the CBP in instances of claims of damaged or defective merchandise on

which an allowance in duty is made in the liquidation of the entry. The information is used to substantiate importer's claims for such duty allowances.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,600.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$29,000.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of Customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2003, the interest rates for overpayments will be 4 percent for corporations and 5 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 5 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services

Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone 317/298-1200, extension 1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2003-30 (*see*, 2003-13 IRB 659, dated March 31, 2003), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2003. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (2%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of five percent (5%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (2%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of four percent (4%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (2%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of five percent (5%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2003, and ending September 30, 2003.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties, is published in summary format.

| Beginning date | Ending date | Underpayments (percent) | Overpayments (percent) | Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent) |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Prior to: 070174 | 063075 | 6 | 6 | |

| Beginning date | Ending date | Underpay-ments (percent) | Overpayments (percent) | Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent) |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 070175 | 013176 | 9 | 9 | |
| 020176 | 013178 | 7 | 7 | |
| 020178 | 013180 | 6 | 6 | |
| 020180 | 013182 | 12 | 12 | |
| 020182 | 123182 | 20 | 20 | |
| 010183 | 063083 | 16 | 16 | |
| 070183 | 123184 | 11 | 11 | |
| 010185 | 063085 | 13 | 13 | |
| 070185 | 123185 | 11 | 11 | |
| 010186 | 063086 | 10 | 10 | |
| 070186 | 123186 | 9 | 9 | |
| 010187 | 093087 | 9 | 8 | |
| 100187 | 123187 | 10 | 9 | |
| 010188 | 033188 | 11 | 10 | |
| 040188 | 093088 | 10 | 9 | |
| 100188 | 033189 | 11 | 10 | |
| 040189 | 093089 | 12 | 11 | |
| 100189 | 033191 | 11 | 10 | |
| 040191 | 123191 | 10 | 9 | |
| 010192 | 033192 | 9 | 8 | |
| 040192 | 093092 | 8 | 7 | |
| 100192 | 063094 | 7 | 6 | |
| 070194 | 093094 | 8 | 7 | |
| 100194 | 033195 | 9 | 8 | |
| 040195 | 063095 | 10 | 9 | |
| 070195 | 033196 | 9 | 8 | |
| 040196 | 063096 | 8 | 7 | |
| 070196 | 033198 | 9 | 8 | |
| 040198 | 123198 | 8 | 7 | |
| 010199 | 033199 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| 040199 | 033100 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| 040100 | 033101 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| 040101 | 063001 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| 070101 | 123101 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| 010102 | 123102 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| 010103 | 063003 | 5 | 5 | 4 |

Dated: April 15, 2003.

Robert C. Bonner,

Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted the following proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Title: National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualifications Statement.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0001.

Abstract: The National Defense Executive Reserve (NDER) is a Federal government program coordinated by FEMA. To become a member of the NDER, individuals with the requisite qualifications must complete FEMA Form 85-3, National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualifications Statement. FEMA Form 85-3 is an application form that is used by Federal departments and agencies to fill NDER vacancies and to ensure that individuals are qualified to perform in the assigned emergency positions. FEMA reviews the application form to ensure that the candidate meets all basic membership qualifications for the Executive Reserve; ensures that the applicant is not already serving in a Federal department or agency sponsored unit; and, in some cases, determines the Federal

department or agency best suited for the applicant.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology