

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Customs and Border Protection****DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****19 CFR Part 10**

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RIN 1515–AD27

Refund of Duties Paid on Imports of Certain Wool Products

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Customs Regulations by removing the regulation originally promulgated to provide procedures for the issuance of the refunds of duties paid on certain wool imports pursuant to section 505 of title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000. As section 5101 of the Trade Act of 2002 significantly amended section 505 and provides self-effectuating procedures for the issuance of the refunds, the regulation implementing section 505 is no longer necessary and is obsolete.

DATES: The amendment is effective July 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Kingsbury, Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 572–8763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On May 18, 2000, the Trade and Development Act of 2000 was signed into law. See Public Law 106–200, 114 Stat. 251. Title V of the Act concerns imports of certain wool articles and sets forth provisions intended to provide tariff relief to U.S. manufacturers of specific wool products. Within title V, section 505 permits eligible U.S. manufacturers to claim a limited refund of duties paid on imports of select wool articles.

On December 26, 2000, Customs (now the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP)) promulgated in § 10.184, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 10.184), a regulation to provide the procedures for issuing refunds pursuant to section 505. See 65 FR 81344. This section was subsequently amended by documents published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2001 (66 FR 20392), and January 23, 2002 (67 FR 3059).

On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002. Division E of the Trade Act of 2002 contains miscellaneous provisions. Within Division E, title L sets forth miscellaneous trade benefits with subtitle A pertaining specifically to wool provisions. Within subtitle A, section 5101, entitled the “Wool Manufacturer Payment Clarification and Technical Corrections Act,” amends section 505.

The amendments to section 505 are extensive and self-effectuating, making § 10.184 of the Customs Regulations unnecessary and obsolete. For this reason, part 10 of the Customs Regulations is amended by removing § 10.184.

It is noted that a document was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 52520) on August 12, 2002, that set forth section 505 of the Trade Act of 2002, as amended, with its self-effectuating procedures, and provided a detailed description of the changes to the wool duty payment program.

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Inapplicability of Prior Public Notice and Comment Procedures and Delayed Effective Date Requirements

This document does not meet the criteria for a “significant regulatory action” as specified in Executive Order 12866. Because this amendment merely removes from the Customs Regulations a regulation which is now obsolete, CBP has determined, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), that prior public notice and comment procedures on this regulation are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. For the same reason, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), there is good cause for dispensing with a delayed effective date. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required, this document is not subject to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

Drafting Information

The principal author of this document was Ms. Suzanne Kingsbury, Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP.

List of Subjects in 19 CFR Part 10

Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trade agreements.

Amendments to the Regulations

■ For the reasons stated above, 19 CFR part 10 is amended as follows:

PART 10—ARTICLES CONDITIONALLY FREE, SUBJECT TO A REDUCED RATE, ETC.

■ 1. The general authority citation for part 10 continues to read as follows, and the specific authority for § 10.184 is removed:

Authority: 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202 (General Note 23, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States), 1321, 1481, 1484, 1498, 1508, 1623, 1624, 3314.

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■ 2. The center heading preceding § 10.184 and § 10.184 are removed.

Robert C. Bonner,

Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection.

Approved: July 21, 2003.

Timothy E. Skud,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Bureau of Customs and Border Protection****DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****19 CFR Parts 24 and 111**

[CBP Decision 03–13]

RIN 1515–AC81

User Fees

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document adopts as a final rule proposed amendments to the Customs Regulations to reflect various legislative amendments to 19 U.S.C. 58c, the Customs user fee statute, including those made by the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 and the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000. The amended regulations set forth the fee structure for passengers arriving in the United States aboard commercial vessels and aircraft, provide for application of a fee to ferries in limited circumstances, and clarify how Customs and Border Protection administers certain user fees. Also, minor conforming changes are made to the regulations pertaining to customs brokers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning user fees applicable to commercial vessel and aircraft

passengers under § 24.22(g); Edward Matthews at (202) 927-0552. Concerning the various fee payment and information submission procedures under § 24.22: Robert T. Reiley at (202) 927-1504.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 18, 2002, Customs and Border Protection (CBP; the bureau within the new Department of Homeland Security that includes the former U.S. Customs Service) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 11954) proposing to amend part 24 of the Customs Regulations pertaining to user fees (19 CFR part 24) and certain related sections of part 111 pertaining to customs brokers (19 CFR part 111). The NPRM set forth the bases for the proposed changes to part 24 as follows: (1) Some proposed changes derived from provisions of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-36, 113 Stat. 127), signed into law on June 25, 1999; (2) one proposed change was based on a provision of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-476, 114 Stat. 2101), signed into law on November 9, 2000; (3) some proposed changes were based on other statutory provisions that were not reflected in the regulations; (4) some proposed changes were designed to bring the regulations up to date with current administrative practices; and (5) one proposed change was a technical correction. The NPRM provided that the proposed changes to part 111 were designed to clarify administration of the annual user fee and the permit fees for customs brokers. The changes that were proposed are further discussed below.

Changes Based on the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999

The Fee Structure

Section 2418 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (the Act) amended section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, codified at 19 U.S.C. 58c (section 58c), which established user fees for certain services performed by CBP. Paragraph (b)(1) of section 2418 of the Act amended the fee structure set forth under section 58c(a)(5) applicable to passengers arriving in the United States on board commercial vessels or aircraft. Prior to the Act, only one fee applied to these covered passengers under section 58c(a)(5), as follows: \$6.50 beginning on January 1, 1994, and applying to

passengers arriving from a place outside the customs territory of the United States and \$5 beginning on October 1, 1997, and applying to passengers arriving from a place outside the United States other than Canada, Mexico, a United States territory or possession, or an adjacent island. The amendment continued the \$5 fee applicable to each passenger arriving in the United States aboard a commercial vessel or aircraft from a place outside the United States other than Canada, Mexico, a United States territory or possession, or an adjacent island. This fee, formerly provided for under section 58c(a)(5)(B), is now provided for under section 58c(a)(5)(A). The amendment also imposed, under section 58c(a)(5)(B), a fee of \$1.75 per passenger arriving aboard a commercial vessel (not a commercial aircraft) from Canada, Mexico, a United States territory or possession, or an adjacent island. Under the amended statute, no fee applies in the case of passengers arriving aboard commercial aircraft from Canada, Mexico, a United States territory or possession, or an adjacent island.

In the NPRM, CBP proposed to amend § 24.22(g), Customs Regulations (19 CFR 24.22), to conform the regulations to the new fee structure of amended sections 58c(a)(5)(A) and (B).

Procedures for Payment of the New Fees

The NPRM also proposed changes to the Customs Regulations relative to the fee payment procedure. Under the current regulations, it is the responsibility of the carriers, travel agents, tour wholesalers, or other parties issuing tickets or travel documents to collect the fee from all passengers who are subject to the fee (§ 24.22(g)(3) in the current regulations). These parties must make payment of the collected fees to CBP no later than 31 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the fees were required to be collected from the passengers (§ 24.22(g)(4) in the current regulations). Current § 24.22(g)(4) also provides that the quarterly fee payment must be accompanied by a statement that includes the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the party remitting the payment and the calendar quarter covered by the payment.

The NPRM proposed to amend § 24.22(g)(3) to make clear that the party responsible for collecting the fee must collect a fee when an infant travels without a ticket or travel document. This follows CBP's consistent practice of treating infants as passengers for purposes of the passenger fees. Thus, CBP proposed to add to § 24.22(g)(1) a definition of the term "passenger"

making it clear that it includes infants even if the carrier does not charge for their transportation and even if the infant is carried by another passenger (rather than occupying a seat).

Because CBP, since enactment of the Act, has had to administer two fees rather than one, the NPRM also proposed to amend § 24.22(g)(4) to require the following additional information in the statement required under that section: The total number of tickets for which fees were required to be collected, as well as the total number of infants traveling without a ticket or travel document for which fees were required to be collected; the total amount of fees collected and remitted; with respect to vessel fees, the total number of tickets and non-ticketed infants for which fees were required to be collected and the total amount of fees collected; and a breakdown of vessel fees collected and remitted under section 58c(a)(5)(A) (the \$5 per passenger fee) and section 58c(a)(5)(B) (the \$1.75 per passenger fee). This additional information is necessary to enable CBP to properly account for the fees now provided for under section 58c(a)(5).

Changes Based on the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000

The NPRM proposed amendments to §§ 24.22(b)(4)(iv) and 24.22(g)(1) of the Customs Regulations to conform the regulations to a statutory amendment regarding ferries. Section 1457 of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 amended section 58c(b)(1)(A)(iii) to provide an exception to the fee limitation relative to ferries. Prior to this amendment, ferries were excepted from application of the fees under section 58c(a). While this amendment was self-effectuating, effective on November 24, 2000, making ferries commencing operations on or after August 1, 1999, and operating south of 27 degrees latitude and east of 89 degrees longitude subject to the commercial vessel fee of section 58c(a)(1) (and § 24.22(b)(1)) (provided the ferry is of 100 net tons or more) and the \$1.75 commercial vessel passenger fee of section 58c(a)(5)(B), the NPRM proposed to set forth the statutory requirement in the Customs Regulations.

Changes Based on Other Statutory Provisions

The NPRM also proposed to amend § 24.22(g) to cover the fee exemption provision set forth in section 58c(b)(1)(A)(iv) and the "one-time only fee" set forth in section 58c(b)(4)(B). These two statutory provisions are not reflected in the current regulation.

The fee exemption provision under section 58c(b)(1)(A)(iv) provides that no fee under section 58c(a)(5) applies to passengers arriving aboard commercial vessels traveling only between ports that are within the customs territory of the United States. The one-time only fee provision of section 58c(b)(4)(B) applies where a fee under section 58c(a)(5) is applicable to passengers arriving aboard a commercial vessel and the voyage is a single voyage involving two or more United States ports. In other words, if a vessel proceeds coastwise to one or more United States ports after its initial arrival from a place outside the United States, the applicable fee is charged only once for each passenger.

The NPRM also proposed to amend § 24.22(g) in order to reflect in § 24.22(g)(1)(iii) the definition of the term "adjacent islands" set forth in 8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(5). Under section 58c(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(dd), the term "adjacent islands" is given meaning by reference to 8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(5).

Changes Regarding Administrative Practices

The NPRM proposed to amend various provisions of the regulation to reflect current fee payment and other practices, including clarification of the proper addresses for the mailing of payments, requirements for obtaining and using the user fee decal, and use of electronic and credit card payment options. These amendments were proposed for the following sections of the regulation: § 24.22(b)(3) which concerns the procedure for prepayment of the fee for the arrival of commercial vessels (that is, vessels of 100 net tons or more as well as barges and other bulk carriers arriving from Canada or Mexico); § 24.22(c)(3) which concerns the procedure for prepayment of the fee for the arrival of commercial vehicles; § 24.22(d) which concerns the fee for the arrival of railroad cars and includes, in paragraph (d)(3), procedures for prepayment of the fee and, in paragraph (d)(4)(ii), procedures for monthly statement filing and fee remittance; § 24.22(e)(1) and (2), which concern, respectively, payment of the fee at the time of arrival of private vessels and private aircraft and prepayment of the fee; § 24.22(g)(4) which covers the procedure for payment of fees for the arrival of passengers aboard commercial vessels and commercial aircraft; § 24.22(h) which concerns the annual customs broker permit fee; and § 24.22(i) which concerns procedures for remittance of, and for submitting information relative to, the fees provided for under § 24.22.

Changes To Make a Technical Correction

The NPRM proposed to correct several erroneous references to § 142.13(c) (19 CFR 142.13(c)) found in paragraphs (a), (c)(2), and (d) of § 24.25, which pertains to statement processing and automated clearinghouse procedures. Section 142.13(c) is currently reserved, and the reference in the above paragraphs of § 24.25 should instead be to § 142.13(b), which pertains to special classes of merchandise.

Conforming Changes to Part 111

Lastly, the NPRM proposed to amend certain sections of Part 111 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR part 111) which pertains to customs brokers. Specifically, it was proposed to amend §§ 111.19 and 111.96 to conform to the change made to § 24.22(h) referred to above and to clarify the payment procedure in connection with a national customs broker permit application. In §§ 111.19 and 111.96, there are references to the payment of the annual customs broker permit user fee referred to in § 24.22(h).

Comments

One comment was received in response to the NPRM.

Comment: The commenter recommended the removal from the regulations of the exception found under § 24.22(e)(3)(i) which exempts private vessels less than 30 feet in length (and not carrying any goods that must be declared to CBP) from the fee imposed on private vessels under § 24.22(e)(1). The commenter based the recommendation on the grounds that the regulations require that all private vessels, regardless of tonnage or length, must report their arrival in the United States (see § 123.1(c)) and thus these vessels, including those under 30 feet in length, should not be exempt from the fee.

CBP response: CBP, at this time, is not adopting the commenter's recommendation to remove from the regulations the fee exception for private vessels of less than 30 feet in length. These vessels have been exempted from the fee because CBP incurred no processing costs in clearing them. Now, however, CBP requires the operators of these vessels to call when they arrive but does not inspect all of them. CBP will evaluate the matter and consider whether the exception should be retained, removed, or modified.

Conclusion

Based on analysis of the comment received and further review of the matter, CBP believes that the proposed

regulatory amendments should be adopted without change.

Executive Order 12866

This document does not meet the criteria for a "significant regulatory action" as specified in E.O. 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This amendment to the Customs Regulations will conform the regulations to already enacted statutory provisions concerning the collection of fees and will enhance the efficiency of the fee payment and collection process to the advantage of the public. Thus, it is certified, pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), that the regulatory amendments set forth in this document will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, the new reporting requirements in this document impose an insignificant amount of additional annual burden on small businesses. Accordingly, the amendments are not subject to the regulatory analysis or other requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collections of information contained in § 24.22 have previously been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 1515-0154 (User Fees). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information that lacks a valid control number.

The collections of information in this final rule are in § 24.22(g)(5)(iv) and (v), pertaining to information required in the statement that must accompany a quarterly fee payment relative to passenger fees. This information is necessary to allow CBP to track and account for the two passenger fees mandated in the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999. These collections of information are mandatory. The likely respondents and recordkeepers are small businesses or organizations.

The estimated average annual burden associated with the collections of information in this final rule is four hours per respondent/recordkeeper.

Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/ Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. A copy should also be sent to the Regulations Branch, Office of

Regulations and Rulings, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects

19 CFR Part 24

Accounting, Claims, Customs duties and inspection, Fees, Financial and accounting procedures, Imports, Taxes, User fees.

19 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Brokers, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Licensing.

Amendments to the Regulations

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, parts 24 and 111 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR parts 24 and 111) are amended as follows:

PART 24—CUSTOMS FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 24 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 19 U.S.C. 58a–58c, 66, 1202 (General Note 23, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States), 1505, 1624; 26 U.S.C. 4461, 4462; 31 U.S.C. 9701.

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■ 2. Section 24.22 of the regulations is amended by:

■ a. Revising paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4)(iv), and (c)(3);

■ b. In paragraph (d), revising the second sentence of paragraph (d)(3), adding a new sentence at the end of paragraph (d)(4)(ii), and, in the last sentence of paragraph (d)(5), removing the words “, in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (i)(2) of this section”;

■ c. Revising paragraphs (e)(1) and (e)(2);

■ d. In paragraph (g), revising paragraph (g)(1), redesignating paragraphs (g)(2) through (g)(7) as (g)(3) through (g)(8), adding new paragraph (g)(2), revising newly designated paragraphs (g)(3), (g)(4), and (g)(5), and, at the end of the last sentence of newly designated paragraph (g)(7), removing the words “, in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (i)(2) of this section”;

■ e. Revising paragraphs (h) and (i).

The revisions read as follows:

24.22 Fees for certain services.

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(b) * * *

(3) *Prepayment.* The vessel operator, owner, or agent may at any time prepay

the maximum calendar year amount specified in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) or (b)(2)(ii) of this section, or any remaining portion of that amount if individual arrival fees have already been paid on the vessel for that calendar year. Prepayment must be made at a CBP port office. When prepayment is for the remaining portion of a maximum calendar year amount, certified copies of receipts (Customs Form 368 or 368A) issued for individual arrival fee payments during the calendar year must accompany the payment.

(4) *Exceptions.* * * *

(iv) A ferry except for a ferry that began operations on or after August 1, 1999, and operates south of 27 degrees latitude and east of 89 degrees longitude.

(c) * * *

(3) *Prepayment.* The owner, agent, or person in charge of a commercial vehicle may at any time prepay a fee of \$100 to cover all arrivals of that vehicle during a calendar year or any remaining portion of a calendar year. Prepayment must be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in this paragraph and paragraph (i) of this section. Prepayment may be sent by mail, with a properly completed Customs Form 339, Annual User Fee Decal Request, to the following address: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Decal Program Administrator, P.O. Box 382030, Pittsburgh, PA 15250–8030. Alternatively, the decal request and prepayment by credit card may be made via the Internet through the “Traveler Information” links at CBP’s website (<http://www.cbp.gov>). A third option, prepayment at the port, is subject to the port director’s discretion to maintain user fee decal inventories. Once the prepayment has been made under this paragraph, a decal will be issued to be permanently affixed by adhesive to the lower left hand corner of the vehicle windshield or on the left wing window, and otherwise in accordance with the accompanying instructions, to show that the vehicle is exempt from payment of the fee for individual arrivals during the applicable calendar year or any remaining portion of that year.

(d) * * *

(3) *Prepayment.* * * * The prepayment, accompanied by a letter setting forth the railroad car number(s) covered by the payment, the calendar year to which the payment applies, a return address, and any additional information required under paragraph (i) of this section, must be mailed to: Customs and Border Protection, National Finance Center, Collections Section, P.O. Box 68907, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (or, if for overnight delivery,

to: the same addressee at 6026 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278).

(4) *Statement filing and payment procedures.* * * *

(ii) * * * Payment must be made in accordance with this paragraph and paragraph (i) of this section and must be sent by mail to the following address: Customs and Border Protection, National Finance Center, Collections Section, P.O. Box 68907, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (or, if for overnight delivery, to: the same addressee at 6026 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278).

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(e) *Fee for arrival of a private vessel or private aircraft.* (1) *Fee.* Except as provided in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, the master or other person in charge of a private vessel or private aircraft must, upon first arrival in any calendar year, proceed to CBP and tender the sum of \$25 to cover services provided in connection with all arrivals of that vessel or aircraft during that calendar year. A properly completed Customs Form 339, Annual User Fee Decal Request, must accompany the payment. Upon payment of the annual fee, a decal will be issued to be permanently affixed by adhesive to the vessel or aircraft, in accordance with accompanying instructions, as evidence that the fee has been paid. Except in the case of private aircraft, and aircraft landing at user fee airports authorized under 19 U.S.C. 58b, all overtime charges provided for in this part remain payable notwithstanding payment of the fee specified in this paragraph.

(2) *Prepayment.* A private vessel or private aircraft owner or operator may, at any time during the calendar year, prepay the \$25 annual fee specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section. Prepayment must be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in this paragraph and paragraph (i) of this section. Prepayment may be sent by mail, along with a properly completed Customs Form 339, Annual User Fee Decal Request, to the following address: Customs and Border Protection, Decal Program Administrator, P.O. Box 382030, Pittsburgh, PA 15250–8030. Alternatively, the decal request and prepayment by credit card may be made via the Internet through the “Traveler Information” links at CBP’s website (<http://www.cbp.gov>). A third option, prepayment at the port, is subject to the port director’s discretion to maintain user fee decal inventories.

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(g) *Fees for arrival of passengers aboard commercial vessels and commercial aircraft.* (1) *Fees.* (i) Subject to paragraphs (g)(1)(ii) and (g)(3) of this

section, a fee of \$5 must be collected and remitted to CBP for services provided in connection with the arrival of each passenger aboard a commercial vessel or commercial aircraft from a place outside the United States, other than Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or one of the adjacent islands, in either of the following circumstances:

(A) When the journey of the arriving passenger originates in a place outside the United States other than Canada, Mexico, one of the territories or possessions of the United States, or one of the adjacent islands; or

(B) When the journey of the arriving passenger originates in the United States and is not limited to Canada, Mexico, territories and possessions of the United States, and adjacent islands.

(ii) Subject to paragraph (g)(3) of this section, a fee of \$1.75 must be collected and remitted to Customs for services provided in connection with the arrival of each passenger aboard a commercial vessel from Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or one of the adjacent islands, regardless of whether the journey of the arriving passenger originates in a place outside the United States or in the United States.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph (g), the term "territories and possessions

of the United States" includes American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the term "adjacent islands" includes Saint Pierre, Miquelon, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, the Windward and Leeward Islands, Trinidad, Martinique, and other British, French, and Netherlands territory or possessions in or bordering on the Caribbean Sea.

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph (g), a journey, which may encompass multiple destinations and more than one mode of transportation, will be deemed to originate in the location where the person's travel begins under cover of a transaction which includes the issuance of a ticket or travel document for transportation into the customs territory of the United States.

(v) For purposes of this paragraph (g), the term "passenger" means a natural person for whom transportation is provided and includes an infant whether a separate ticket or travel document is issued for the infant or the infant occupies a seat or is held or carried by another passenger.

(vi) For purposes of paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section, the term "commercial vessel" includes any ferry that began operations on or after August 1, 1999, and operates south of 27

degrees latitude and east of 89 degrees longitude.

(vii) In the case of a commercial vessel making a single voyage involving two or more United States ports, the applicable fee prescribed under paragraph (g)(1)(i) or (g)(1)(ii) of this section is required to be charged only one time for each passenger.

(2) *Fee chart.* The chart set forth below outlines the application of the fees specified in paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section with reference to the place where the passenger's journey originates and with reference to the place from which the passenger arrives in the United States (that is, the last stop on the journey prior to arrival in the United States). In the chart:

(i) SL stands for "Specified Location" and means Canada, Mexico, any territories and possessions of the United States, and any adjacent islands; (ii) The single asterisk (*) means that the journey originating in the United States is limited to travel to one or more Specified Locations;

(iii) The double asterisk (**) means that the journey originating in the United States includes travel to at least one place other than a Specified Location; and

(iv) N/A indicates that the facts presented in the chart preclude application of the fee.

Place where journey originates (see (g)(1)(iv))	Fee status for arrival from SL		Fee status for arrival from other than SL	
	Vessel	Aircraft	Vessel	Aircraft
SL	\$1.75	No fee	No fee	No fee
Other than SL or U.S.	\$1.75	No fee	\$5	\$5
U.S.*	\$1.75	No fee	N/A	N/A
U.S.**	\$1.75	No fee	\$5	\$5

(3) *Exceptions.* The fees specified in paragraph (g)(1) of this section will not apply to the following categories of arriving passengers:

(i) Crew members and persons directly connected with the operation, navigation, ownership or business of the vessel or aircraft, provided that the crew member or other person is traveling for an official business purpose and not for pleasure;

(ii) Diplomats and other persons in possession of a visa issued by the United States Department of State in class A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3, G-1 through G-4, or NATO 1-6;

(iii) Persons arriving as passengers on any aircraft used exclusively in the governmental service of the United States or a foreign government, including any agency or political subdivision of the United States or

foreign government, so long as the aircraft is not carrying persons or merchandise for commercial purposes. Passengers on commercial aircraft under contract to the U.S. Department of Defense are exempted if they have been precleared abroad under the joint DOD/CBP Military Inspection Program;

(iv) Persons arriving on an aircraft due to an emergency or forced landing when the original destination of the aircraft was a foreign airport;

(v) Persons who are in transit to a destination outside the United States and for whom CBP inspectional services are not provided;

(vi) Persons departing from and returning to the same United States port as passengers on board the same vessel without having touched a foreign port or place; and

(vii) Persons arriving as passengers on board a commercial vessel traveling only between ports that are within the customs territory of the United States.

(4) *Fee collection procedures.* (i) Each air or sea carrier, travel agent, tour wholesaler, or other party issuing a ticket or travel document for transportation into the customs territory of the United States is responsible for collecting from the passenger the applicable fee specified in paragraph (g)(1) of this section, including the fee applicable to any infant traveling without a separate ticket or travel document. The fee must be separately identified with a notation "Federal inspection fees" on the ticket or travel document issued to the passenger to indicate that the required fee has been collected. A fee relative to an infant traveling without a ticket or travel

document may be identified instead with the notation on a receipt or other document issued for that purpose or to record the infant's travel. If the ticket or travel document, or a receipt or other document issued relative to an infant traveling without a ticket or travel document, is not so marked and was issued in a foreign country, the fee must be collected by the departing carrier upon departure of the passenger from the United States. If the fee is collected at the time of departure from the United States, the carrier making the collection must issue a receipt to the passenger. U.S.-based tour wholesalers who contract for passenger space and issue non-carrier tickets or travel documents must collect the fee in the same manner as a carrier.

(ii) Collection of the fee under paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this section will include the following circumstances:

(A) When a through ticket or travel document is issued covering (or a receipt or other document issued for an infant traveling without a ticket or travel document indicates that the infant's journey is covering) a journey into the customs territory of the United States which originates in and arrives from a place outside the United States other than Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or an adjacent island;

(B) When a return ticket or travel document is issued (or a receipt or other document that indicates an infant traveling without a return ticket or travel document is issued) in connection with a journey which originates in the United States, includes a stop in a place other than Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or an adjacent island, and the return arrival to the United States is from a place other than one of these specified places; and

(C) When a passenger on a journey in transit through the United States to a foreign destination arrives in the customs territory of the United States from a place other than Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or an adjacent island, is processed by CBP, and the journey does not originate in one of these specified places.

(iii) Collection of the fee under paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section will include the following circumstances:

(A) When a through ticket or travel document is issued covering (or a receipt or other document issued for an infant traveling without a ticket or travel document indicates that the infant's journey is covering) a journey into the customs territory of the United States from Canada, Mexico, one of the

territories and possessions of the United States, or an adjacent island;

(B) When a return ticket or travel document is issued (or a receipt or other document that indicates an infant traveling without a return ticket or travel document is issued) in connection with a journey which originates in the United States and the return arrival to the United States is from Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or an adjacent island; and

(C) When a passenger on a journey in transit through the United States to a foreign destination arrives in the customs territory of the United States from Canada, Mexico, one of the territories and possessions of the United States, or an adjacent island and is processed by CBP.

(5) *Quarterly payment and statement procedures.* Payment to CBP of the fees required to be collected under paragraph (g)(1) of this section must be made no later than 31 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the fees were required to be collected from the passenger. Payment of the fees must be made, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this paragraph and paragraph (i) of this section, by the party required to collect the fee under paragraph (g)(4)(1) of this section. Each quarterly fee payment must be sent to the following address: Customs and Border Protection, National Finance Center, Collections Section, P.O. Box 68907, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (or, if for overnight delivery, to: the same addressee at 6026 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278). Overpayments and underpayments may be accounted for by an explanation with, and adjustment of, the next due quarterly payment to CBP. The quarterly payment must be accompanied by a statement that includes the following information:

(i) The name and address of the party remitting payment;

(ii) The taxpayer identification number of the party remitting payment;

(iii) The calendar quarter covered by the payment;

(iv) The total number of tickets for which fees were required to be collected, the total number of infants traveling without a ticket or travel document for which fees were required to be collected, and the total amount of fees collected and remitted; and

(v) For commercial vessel passengers, the total number of tickets for which fees were required to be collected, the total number of infants traveling without a ticket or travel document for which fees were required to be collected, the total amount of fees collected and remitted to CBP, and a

separate breakdown of the foregoing information relative to the \$5 vessel passenger fee collected and remitted under paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this section and the \$1.75 vessel passenger fee collected and remitted under paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section.

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(h) *Annual customs broker permit fee.* Customs brokers are subject to an annual fee for each district permit and for a national permit held by an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, as provided in § 111.96(c) of this chapter. The annual fee for each district permit must be submitted to the port through which the broker was granted the permit. The annual fee for a national permit must be submitted to the port through which the broker's license is delivered.

(i) *Information submission and fee remittance procedures.* In addition to any information specified elsewhere in this section, each payment made by mail must be accompanied by information identifying the person or organization remitting the fee, the type of fee being remitted (for example, railroad car, commercial truck, private vessel), and the time period to which the payment applies. All fee payments required under this section must be in the amounts prescribed and must be made in U.S. currency, or by check or money order payable to Customs and Border Protection, in accordance with the provisions of § 24.1 of this part. Authorization for making payments electronically can be obtained by writing to the National Finance Center, Collections Section, 6026 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278. Where payment is made at a CBP port, credit cards will be accepted only where the port is equipped to accept credit cards for the type of payment being made. If payment is made by check or money order, the check or money order must be annotated with the appropriate class code. The applicable class codes and payment locations for each fee are as follows:

(1) Fee under paragraph (b)(1) of this section (commercial vessels of 100 net tons or more other than barges and other bulk carriers from Canada or Mexico): class code 491. Payment location: port of arrival for each individual arrival (fee to be collected by CBP at the time of arrival) or prepayment at the port in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this section;

(2) Fee under paragraph (b)(2) of this section (barges and other bulk carriers from Canada or Mexico): class code 498. Payment location: port of arrival for each individual arrival (fee to be

collected by CBP at the time of arrival) or prepayment at the port in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this section;

(3) Fee under paragraph (c) of this section (commercial vehicles): for each individual arrival, class code 492; for prepayment of the maximum calendar year fee, class code 902. Payment location: port of arrival for each individual arrival (fee to be collected by CBP at the time of arrival) or prepayment in accordance with paragraph (c)(3) of this section;

(4) Fee under paragraph (d) of this section (railroad cars): for each individual arrival (under the monthly payment and statement filing procedure), class code 493; for prepayment of the maximum calendar year fee, class code 903. Payment location: for individual arrivals (monthly payment and statement filing), see paragraph (d)(4)(ii) of this section; for prepayment, see paragraph (d)(3) of this section;

(5) Fee under paragraph (e) of this section (private vessels and aircraft): for private vessels, class code 904; for private aircraft, class code 494. Payment location: port of arrival for each individual arrival (fee to be collected by CBP at the time of arrival) or prepayment in accordance with paragraph (e)(2) of this section;

(6) Fee under paragraph (f) of this section (dutiable mail): class code 496. Payment location: see paragraph (f) of this section;

(7) Fee under paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this section (the \$5 fee for commercial vessel and commercial aircraft passengers): class code 495. Payment location: see paragraph (g)(5) of this section;

(8) Fee under paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section (the \$1.75 fee for commercial vessel passengers): class code 484. Payment location: see paragraph (g)(5) of this section; and

(9) Fee under paragraph (h) of this section (customs broker permits): for district permits, class code 497; for national permits, class code 997. Payment location: see paragraph (h) of this section.

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■ 3. Paragraphs (a), (c)(2), and (d) of § 24.25 are amended by removing the reference “§ 142.13(c)” wherever it appears and adding, in its place, the reference “§ 142.13(b)”.

PART 111—CUSTOMS BROKERS

■ 4. The authority citation for Part 111 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202, (General Note 23, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States), 1624, 1641.

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Section 111.96 also issued under 19 U.S.C. 58c; 31 U.S.C. 9701.

■ 5. Section 111.19 is amended by revising paragraphs (c) and (f)(4) to read as follows:

§ 111.19 Permits.
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(c) *Fees.* Each application for a district permit under paragraph (b) of this section must be accompanied by the \$100 and \$125 fees specified in §§ 111.96(b) and (c). In the case of an application for a national permit under paragraph (f) of this section, the \$100 fee specified in § 111.96(b) and the \$125 fee specified in § 111.96(c) must be paid at the port through which the applicant’s license was delivered (see § 111.15) prior to submission of the application. The \$125 fee specified in § 111.96(c) also must be paid in connection with the issuance of an initial district permit concurrently with the issuance of a license under paragraph (a) of this section.

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(f) *National permit.* * * *

(4) Attach a receipt or other evidence showing that the fees specified in § 111.96(b) and (c) have been paid in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

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■ 6. Section 111.96 is amended by revising paragraph (b); in paragraph (c), by removing from the second sentence the words “or upon filing the application for the” and adding in their place the words “or in connection with the filing of an application for a; and by removing from the same sentence the reference “§ 111.19(f)(4)” and adding in its place “§ 111.19(c)”. The revision reads as follows:

§ 111.96 Fees.
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(b) *Permit fee.* A fee of \$100 must be paid in connection with each permit application under § 111.19 to defray the costs of processing the application, including an application for reinstatement of a permit that was revoked by operation of law or otherwise.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

19 CFR Part 102

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Technical Corrections: Rules of Origin of Imported Goods (Other than Textile and Apparel Products) for Purposes of the NAFTA

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule; corrections.

SUMMARY: This document makes technical corrections to the Customs Regulations to reflect the terms of the current version of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States within the specific tariff shift rules and related requirements for determining the country of origin of imported goods (other than textiles and apparel products) for purposes of the NAFTA.

DATES: These corrections are effective July 24, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 102.20 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 102.20) lists specific tariff shift rules and other requirements for determining the country of origin of imported goods (other than textiles and apparel products covered by § 102.21) for certain North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) purposes. Specifically, § 102.20 prescribes tariff rules that may be used to determine when a good is a good of a NAFTA country (United States, Canada or Mexico). See the NAFTA Implementation Act, Public Law 103–182, 107 Stat. 437 (December 8, 1993).