

This biodegradable filter may suit patients with temporary needs for protection (patients with prolonged immobility, hip replacement, trauma, intensive care patients).

### Triplex Hairpin Ribozyme

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U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/500,000 filed 23 Sep 2002 (DHHS Reference No. E-326-2002/0-US-01); PCT Application No. PCT/US03/29893 filed 23 Sep 2003 (DHHS Reference No. E-326-2002/0-PCT-02).

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Much work has focused on understanding and utilizing nucleic acids as biological catalysts. Indeed, progress has been made in determining the mechanism, kinetics and conformational requirements in harnessing these potential biological catalysts. This technology has value in its potential for gene therapy applications such as gene silencing.

The technology described is a recombinant plasmid or expression vector in which a DNA-encoded trans-acting hairpin ribozyme of interest is ligated to DNA-encoded cis-acting hairpin ribozyme. In this configuration, the cis-acting ribozyme serves to cleave the 5' and 3' ends of the trans-acting ribozyme of interest. The trans-acting ribozymes can be replaced with any user-defined sequence such as antisense RNA or RNAs of viruses. This unit provides several trans-acting hairpin ribozymes that are trimmed at the ends are further generated. Thus several independent ribozymes can be produced from a single transcribed RNA.

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**Steven M. Ferguson,**

*Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: United-State-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act

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

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended without a change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 70281) on December 17, 2003, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 6, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Treasury Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of The proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who

are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Title:* United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0083.

*Form Number:* CBP-450.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is required to implement the duty preference provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act.

*Current Actions:* This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date without a change in the burden hours.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions, Not for profit institutions, Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 440.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 42.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,720.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$430,560.

If additional information is required contact: Daryl Joyner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229, at 202-927-1429.

Dated: March 29, 2004.

**Daryl Joyner,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### 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, Department of 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, 2004, 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 and Border Protection personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trong Quan, National Finance Center, Collections Section, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 614-4516.

**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, Public Law 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 2004-26, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2004. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal

short-term rate (1%) plus four percentage points (4%) for a total of five percent (5%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of four percent (4%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus four percentage points (4%) for a total of five percent (5%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2004, and ending September 30, 2004.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection 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	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6	
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	093003	5	5	4
100103	033104	4	4	3
040104	063004	5	5	4

Dated: March 31, 2004.  
**Robert C. Bonner**,  
*Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-26]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Restrictions on Assistance to Noncitizens**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

HUD is prohibited from making financial assistance available to other than citizens or persons of eligible immigration status. This is a request for an extension of the current approval for HUD to require a declaration of citizenship or eligible immigration status from individuals seeking certain housing assistance. Eligible immigrants must provide (1) the original alien registration documents and submission of a (2) verification consent form.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* May 6, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2501-0014) Should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail *Melanie\_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Wayne\_Eddins@HUD.gov*; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or on HUD's Web page at *http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable;

(6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the contact information of an agency official familiar with the proposal and the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Restrictions on Assistance to Noncitizens.  
*OMB Approval Number:* 2501-0014.  
*Form Numbers:* HUD-9886, HUD-9887.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed use:* HUD is prohibited from making financial assistance available to other than citizens or persons of eligible immigration status. This is a request for an extension of the current approval for HUD to require a declaration of citizenship or eligible immigration status from individuals seeking certain housing assistance. Eligible immigrants must provide (1) the original alien registration documents and submission of a (2) verification consent form.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden .....	2,886,392	10,794,339		0.0333		360,214

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 360,214.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: March 31, 2004.

**Wayne Eddins**,  
*Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**  
**[AK-961-1410-HY-P; AA-84417; CAA-12]**

**Waiver of Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice waives a portion of the regulations pertaining to selections made under subsection 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) to allow Calista Corporation to file selections within the Calista regional boundaries. Calista Corporation is an Alaskan Native corporation established under Section 7 of ANCSA.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 6, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christy Favorite, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, (907) 271-5656 (Commercial or FTS), *cfavorit@ak.blm.gov*. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Favorite.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 8, 2002, Calista Corporation, an Alaskan Native regional corporation, requested the Secretary of the Interior to waive the following regulations:

(1) 43 CFR 2653.4(c). This waiver would allow the Bureau of Land