

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****U.S. Customs and Border Protection****Customs Brokers User Fee Payment for 2015**

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice to customs brokers that the annual fee of \$138 that is assessed for each permit held by a broker, whether it may be an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, is due by February 27, 2015.

**DATES:** Payment of the 2015 Customs Broker User Fee is due by February 27, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Barulich, Broker Management Branch, Office of International Trade, (202) 863-6099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to § 111.96 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 111.96(c)), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) assesses an annual user fee of \$138 for each customs broker district and national permit held by an individual, partnership, association, or corporation. CBP regulations provide that this fee is payable for each calendar year in each broker district where the broker was issued a permit to do business by the due date which is published in the **Federal Register** annually. See 19 CFR 24.22(h) and (i)(9). Broker districts are defined in the General Notice entitled, "Geographical Boundaries of Customs Brokerage, Cartage and Lighthouse Districts" published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 1995 (60 FR 49971).

As required by 19 CFR 111.96, CBP must provide notice in the **Federal Register** no later than 60 days before such due date on which the payment is due for each broker permit. This document notifies customs brokers that for calendar year 2015, the due date for payment of the user fee is February 27, 2015. It is anticipated that for subsequent years, the annual user fee for customs brokers will be due on the last business day of February of each year.

Dated: December 17, 2014.

**Brenda B. Smith,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****U.S. Customs and Border Protection****New Date for the April 2015 Customs Broker License Examination**

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has changed the date on which the semi-annual written examination for an individual broker's license will be held in April 2015.

**DATES:** The customs broker's license examination scheduled for April 2015 will be held on Monday, April 13.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lugo, Broker Management Branch, Office of International Trade, (202) 863-6015.

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

Section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), provides that a person (an individual, corporation, association, or partnership) must hold a valid customs broker's license and permit in order to transact customs business on behalf of others, sets forth standards for the issuance of broker's licenses and permits, and provides for the taking of disciplinary action against brokers that have engaged in specified types of infractions. This section also provides that an examination may be conducted to assess an applicant's qualifications for a license.

The regulations issued under the authority of section 641 are set forth in Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 111 (19 CFR part 111). Part 111 sets forth the regulations regarding the licensing of, and granting of permits to, persons desiring to transact customs business as customs brokers. These regulations also include the qualifications required of applicants and the procedures for applying for licenses and permits. 19 CFR 111.11 sets forth the basic requirements for a broker's license and, 19 CFR 111.11(a)(4), provides that an applicant for an individual broker's license must attain a passing grade (75 percent or higher) on a written examination.

19 CFR 111.13 sets forth the requirements and procedures for the written examination for an individual broker's license and states that written customs broker license examinations will be given on the first Monday in

April and October unless the regularly scheduled examination date conflicts with a national holiday, religious observance, or other foreseeable event.

CBP recognizes that the first Monday in April 2015 coincides with the observance of the religious holiday of Passover. In consideration of this conflict, CBP has decided to change the regularly scheduled date of the examination. This document announces that CBP has scheduled the April 2015 broker license examination for Monday, April 13, 2015.

Dated: December 16, 2014.

**Brenda B. Smith,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Data Collection Questionnaires for Thompson v. HUD Research Study**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.