DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Dec. 18–08]

COBRA Fees To Be Adjusted for Inflation in Fiscal Year 2019


ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is adjusting certain customs user fees and limitations established by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) for Fiscal Year 2019 in accordance with the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) as implemented by CBP regulations.

DATES: The adjusted amounts of customs COBRA user fees and their corresponding limitations set forth in this notice for Fiscal Year 2019 are required as of October 1, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Ghiladi, Director—Office of Finance, 202–344–3722, UserFeeNotices@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act, Pub. L. 114–94) was signed into law. Section 32201 of the FAST Act amended section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) for Fiscal Year 2019 in accordance with the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) as implemented by CBP regulations.

In accordance with 19 CFR 24.22, CBP must determine annually whether the fees and limitations must be adjusted to reflect inflation. For fiscal year 2019, CBP is making this determination by comparing the average of the Consumer Price Index—All Urban Consumers, U.S. All items, 1982–84 (CPI–U) for the current year (June 2017–May 2018) with the average of the CPI–U for the comparison year (June 2016–May 2017) to determine the change in inflation, if any. If there is an increase in the CPI of greater than one (1) percent, CBP must adjust the customs COBRA user fees and corresponding limitations using the methodology set forth in 19 CFR 24.22(k). (19 CFR 24.22(k)). Following the steps provided in paragraph (k)(2) of section 24.22, CBP has determined that the increase in the CPI between the most recent June to May 12-month period (June 2017–May 2018) and the comparison year (June 2016–May 2017) is 2.063 \( \times \) percent. As the increase in the CPI is greater than one (1) percent, the customs COBRA user fees and corresponding limitations must be adjusted for Fiscal Year 2019.

Determination of the Adjusted Fees and Limitations

Using the methodology set forth in section 24.22(k)(2) of the CBP regulations (19 CFR 24.22(k)), CBP has determined that the factor by which the base fees and limitations will be adjusted is 4.866 percent (base fees and limitations can be found in Appendix A and B to part 24 of title 19). In reaching this determination, CBP calculated the values for each variable found in paragraph (k) of 19 CFR 24.22 as follows:

- The arithmetic average of the CPI–U for June 2017–May 2018, referred to as (A) in the CBP regulations, is 247.540.
- The arithmetic average of the CPI–U for Fiscal Year 2014, referred to as (B), is 236.009.
- The arithmetic average of the CPI–U for the comparison year, referred to as (C), is 242.328.
- The difference between the arithmetic averages of the CPI–U of the

1 The figures provided in this notice may be rounded for publication purposes only. The calculations for the adjusted fees and limitations were made using unrounded figures, unless otherwise noted.
comparison year (June 2016–May 2017) and the current year (June 2017–May 2018), referred to as (D), is 5.212; and the current year (June 2017–May 2018), referred to as (F), is 2.063 percent;

- The difference in the arithmetic average of the CPI-U between the current year (June 2017–May 2018) and the base year (Fiscal Year 2014), referred to as (G), is 11.532; and
- Lastly, the percentage change in the CPI-U from the base year (Fiscal Year 2014) to the current year (June 2017–May 2018), referred to as (H), is 4.886 percent.

**Table 1—Customs COBRA User Fees and Limitations Found in 19 CFR 24.22 As Adjusted for Fiscal Year 2019**

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**Announcement of New Fees and Limitations**

The adjusted amounts of customs COBRA user fees and their corresponding limitations for Fiscal Year 2019 as adjusted by 4.886 percent set forth below are required as of October 1, 2018. Table 1 provides the fees and limitations found in 19 CFR 24.22 as adjusted for Fiscal Year 2019 and Table 2 provides the fees and limitations found in 19 CFR 24.23 as adjusted for Fiscal Year 2019.

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^2The Commercial Truck Arrival fee is the CBP fee only, it does not include the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services agricultural quarantine and inspection (APHIS/AQI) fee that is collected by CBP on behalf of USDA. See 7 CFR 354.3(c) and 19 CFR 24.22(c)(1). Once 19 Single Crossing Fees have been paid and used for a vehicle identification number (VIN)/vehicle in a Decal and Transponder Online Procurement System (DITOPS) account within a calendar year, the payment required for the 20th (and subsequent) single-crossing is only the APHIS/AQI fee and no longer includes the CBP Commercial Truck Arrival fee (for the remainder of that calendar year).

^3The Commercial Truck Arrival fee is adjusted down from 5.77 to the nearest lower nickel. See 82 FR 50523 (November 1, 2017).

^4See footnote 2 above.

^5Although the minimum limitation is published, the fee charged is the fee required by 19 U.S.C. 58(b)(9)(A)(ii).

^6Only the limitation is increasing; the ad valorem rate of 0.3464% remains the same. See 82 FR 32661 (July 17, 2017).

^7Id.

^8For monthly pipeline entries, see: https://www.cbp.gov/trade/entry-summary/pipeline-monthly-entry-processing/pipeline-line-qp.
Tables 1 and 2 setting forth the adjusted fees and limitations for Fiscal Year 2019 will also be maintained for the public’s convenience on the CBP website at www.cbp.gov.


Kevin K. McAleenan,
Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
[Docket ID DHS–2018–0033]

The President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is publishing this notice to announce the following President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The NSTAC will meet on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call. For access to the conference bridge, information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance to participate, please email NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, August 10, 2018.

Members of the public are invited to provide comments on the issues that will be considered by the committee as listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. Associated briefing materials that participants may discuss during the meeting will be available at www.dhs.gov/nstac for review as of Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Comments may be submitted at any time and must be identified by docket number DHS–2018–0033. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Email: NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number DHS–2018–0033 in the subject line of the email.

- Fax: (703) 705–6190, ATTN: Sandy Benevides.
- Mail: Helen Jackson, Designated Federal Official, Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience Division, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0612, Arlington, VA 20598–0612.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and docket number DHS–2018–0033. Comments received will be posted without alteration at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket and comments received by the NSTAC, please go to www.regulations.gov and enter docket number DHS–2018–0033.

A public comment period will be held during the teleconference on August 15, 2018, from 1:40 p.m.–1:55 p.m. ET. Speakers who wish to participate in the public comment period must register in advance by no later than Friday, August 10, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. ET by emailing NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three minutes and will speak in order of registration. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last request for comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Jackson, NSTAC Designated Federal Official, Department of Homeland Security, (703) 705–6276 (telephone) or helen.jackson@hq.dhs.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (Pub. L. 92–463). The NSTAC advises the President on matters related to national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications and cybersecurity policy.

Agenda: The NSTAC will hold a conference call on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, to discuss a potential new approach to a Moonshot and is developing recommendations that steer the Administration towards a shared, strategic vision and an ambitious, outcome-focused cybersecurity end goal.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

Helen Jackson,
Designated Federal Official for the NSTAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Application for Conveyance of Federally Owned Mineral Interests in Pima County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is processing an application under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976, to convey the federally owned mineral interests in 591.21 acres of land located in Pima County, Arizona, to the surface owner, Waste Management of Arizona, Inc. Publication of this notice temporarily segregates the federally owned mineral interests in the land covered by the application from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, for up to 2 years while the BLM processes the application.

DATES: Submit written comments to the BLM on or before September 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the BLM Phoenix District Office, Attn: Benedict Parsons, Realty Specialist, 21605 North 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benedict Parsons, Realty Specialist, by telephone: 623–580–5637, or by email at bparson@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is processing an application under section 209 of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1719(b), to convey the federally owned mineral interests that aggregate 591.21 acres, situated in Pima County, Arizona. The location of the federally owned...