

U.S. Customs Service

General Notices

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

ENTRY AND MANIFEST OF MERCHANDISE FREE OF DUTY

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Entry and Manifest of Merchandise Free of Duty. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Entry and Manifest of Merchandise Free of Duty

OMB Number: 1515-0051

Form Number: Customs Form 7523

Abstract: Customs Form 7523 is used by carriers and importers as a manifest for the entry of merchandise free of duty under certain condition and by Customs to authorize the entry of such merchandise. It is also used by carriers to show that the articles being imported are to be released to the importer or consignee.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,950

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour and 40 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,247

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$123,700

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

PETITION FOR REMISSION OR MITIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Petition for Remission or Mitigation. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Petition for Remission or Mitigation

OMB Number: 1515-0052

Form Number: Customs Form 4609

Abstract: Persons who's property is seized or who incur monetary penalties due to violations of the Tariff Act are entitled to seek remission or mitigation by means of an informal appeal. This form gives the violator the opportunity to claim mitigation and provides a record of such administrative appeals.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 14 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,500

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public: \$157,300

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Certificate of Origin. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Certificate of Origin

OMB Number: 1515-0055

Form Number: Customs Form 3229

Abstract: This certification is required to determine whether an importer is entitled to duty-free for goods which are the growth or product

of a U.S. insular possession and which contain foreign materials representing no more than 70 percent of the goods total value.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 113

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$1,030

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

SHIP'S STORES DECLARATION

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Ship's Stores Declaration. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Ship's Stores Declaration

OMB Number: 1515-0059

Form Number: Customs Form 1303

Abstract: This collection is required for audit cargo purposes to ensure that goods used for Ship's Stores can be easily distinguished from other cargo and retain duty free status.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 104,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 13 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 26,000

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$516,360

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

MASTER'S OATH ON ENTRY OF VESSEL IN FOREIGN TRADE

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Customhouse Brokers License and Permit. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade

OMB Number: 1515-0060

Form Number: Customs form 1300

Abstract: The license permit application is used by individuals, corporations, partnerships or associations applying for initial licensing in one Customs district, or in applying for a permit in an additional Customs district, or applying for a National Permit after receiving prior licensing.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted 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: 5 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 21,991

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$314,470

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

REPORT OF DIVERSION

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Report of Diversion. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical util-

ity; (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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Report of Diversion

OMB Number: 1515-0071

Form Number: Customs form 25

Abstract: Customs uses CF 26 to track vessels traveling coastwise from U.S ports to other U.S. ports when a change occurs in scheduled itineraries. This is required for enforcement of the Jones Act (46 U.S.C. App. 883) and for continuity of vessel manifest information and permits to proceed actions.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2800

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 233

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$3383

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

CUSTOMHOUSE BROKERS LICENSE AND PERMIT

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Customhouse Brokers License and Permit. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Customhouse Brokers License and Permit

OMB Number: 1515-0076

Form Number: Customs form 3124

Abstract: The license permit application is used by individuals, corporations, partnerships or associations applying for initial licensing in one Customs district, or in applying for a permit in an additional Customs district, or applying for a National Permit after receiving prior licensing.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,800

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,800

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$28,350

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTAINER STATION

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Establishment of a Container Station. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical util-

ity; (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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Establishment of a Container Station

OMB Number: 1515-0117

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: This collection is an application to establish a container station for the vaning and devaning of cargo.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 177

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 354

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$4,672.00

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BONDED WAREHOUSE

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Establishment of a Bonded Warehouse. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Establishment of a Bonded Warehouse

OMB Number: 1515-0121

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: Owners or lessees desiring to establish a bonded warehouse must make written application to the port director where the warehouse is located. The application must state warehouse location, describe the premises and indicate the class of bonded warehouse permit desired.

These requirements are pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1555, 1556 and 19 CFR 19.2.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 135

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$2,227

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19479)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

APPLICATION FOR BONDING OF SMELTING AND REFINING WAREHOUSES

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Application for Bonding of Smelting and Refining Warehouses. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Application for Bonding of Smelting and Refining Warehouses

OMB Number: 1515-0127

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: A manufacturer engaged in smelting or refining, or both, of metal-bearing materials as provided for in Section 312, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, may make application to the port director nearest the plant location, for the bonding of such plants pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1312 and 19 CFR 19.17(a).

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$154.88

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19479)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

APPLICATION TO RECEIVE FREE MATERIALS IN A
BONDED MANUFACTURING WAREHOUSE

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Application to Receive Free Materials in a Bonded Manufacturing Warehouse. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Application to Receive Free Materials in a Bonded Manufacturing Warehouse

OMB Number: 1515-0133

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: The proprietor of a bonded manufacturing warehouse must make application to the port director of Customs to receive therein any

domestic merchandise, except merchandise subject to Internal Revenue Tax, which is to be used in connection with the manufacture of articles permitted to be manufactured in such a warehouse.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 375 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$52,800

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19480)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

BONDED WAREHOUSES—ALTERATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, RELOCATIONS, AND DISCONTINUANCE

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Bonded Warehouses—Alterations, Suspensions, Relocations, and Discontinuance. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927–1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Bonded Warehouses—Alterations, Suspensions, Relocations, and Discontinuance

OMB Number: 1515-0134

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: Alterations to, or relocation of, a bonded warehouse may be made with the permission of the port director in whose port the facility is located by submission of an application by the warehouse proprietor to alter or relocate the warehouse.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 193

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$4,246

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19480)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

PERMIT TO TRANSFER CONTAINERS TO A CONTAINER STATION

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Permit to Transfer Containers to a Container Station. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Permit to Transfer Containers to a Container Station

OMB Number: 1515-0138

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: This information collection is needed in order for a container station operator to receive a permit to transfer a container or contain-

ers to a container station, he/she must furnish a list of names, addresses, etc., of the persons employed by them upon demand by Customs officials.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 400

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public: \$8,700

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19481)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

CARGO CONTAINER AND ROAD VEHICLE CERTIFICATION FOR TRANSPORT UNDER CUSTOMS SEAL

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Cargo Container and Road Vehicle Certification For Transport Under Customs Seal. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Cargo Container and Road Vehicle Certification for Transport Under Customs Seal

OMB Number: 1515-0145

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: This information collection is used in a voluntary program to receive internationally-recognized Customs certification that inter-model container/road vehicles meet construction requirements of international Customs conventions. Such certification facilitates International trade by reducing intermediate international controls.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 880

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3.5 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3080

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public: \$37,500

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

LINE RELEASE REGULATIONS

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Line Release Regulations. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Line Release Regulations

OMB Number: 1515-0181

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: Line release was developed to release and track high volume and repetitive shipments using bar code technology and PCS. An ap-

plication is submitted to Customs by the filer and a common commodity classification code (C4) is assigned to the application.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,700

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,425

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$452,375

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

AIR WAYBILL

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Use of Air Waybill as In-Bond Document. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Use of Air Waybill as In-Bond Document

OMB Number: 1515-0186

Form Number: CF 7512

Abstract: This information collection is used by Customs to identify the delivering carrier, whether or not it is the initial bonded carrier, to surrender the in-bond document and serve notice of its arrival.

Current Actions: This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31,200

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,030

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public: \$10,300

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

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PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTICLES ENTERED
UNDER VARIOUS SPECIAL TARIFF TREATMENT PROVISIONS

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Documentation Requirements for Articles Entered Under Various Special Tariff Treatment Provisions. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Documentation Requirements for Articles Entered Under Various Special Tariff Treatment Provisions

OMB Number: 1515-0194

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: This collection is used to ensure revenue collections and to provide duty free entry of merchandise eligible for reduced duty treatment under provisions of HTUSA.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$8,600

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19483)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

PASSENGER AND CREW MANIFEST FOR PASSENGER FLIGHTS

AGENCY: U.S. Customs, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Passenger and Crew Manifest for Passenger Flights. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Passenger and Crew Manifest for Passenger Flights

OMB Number: 1515-0232

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: This collection is to comply with a new section of the Customs Regulations (Part 122.49(a)) which requires transmission of manifest information to Customs for passenger flights.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 seconds

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2380

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public: \$35,700

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19485)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

AUTOMATED CLEARINGHOUSE CREDIT

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning Automated Clearinghouse Credit. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Automated Clearinghouse Credit

OMB Number: 1515-0218

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: The information is to be used by Customs to send information to the company (such as revised format requirements) and to contact participating companies if there is a payment problem.

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

Type of Review: Extension (without change)
Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions
Estimated Number of Respondents: 65
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 249
Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$4395.85

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19484)]

PROPOSED COLLECTION; COMMENT REQUEST

U.S. CUSTOMS DECLARATION (CUSTOMS FORM 6059B)

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the U.S. Customs Declaration. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Rm 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: U.S. Customs Declaration

OMB Number: 1515-0041

Form Number: Customs Form 6059B

Abstract: The U.S. Customs Declaration, Customs Form 6059B, facilitates the clearance of persons and their goods arriving in the territory on the U.S. by requiring basic information necessary to determine Customs exception status and if any duties of taxes are due. The form is also used for the enforcement of Customs and other agencies laws and regulations.

Current Actions: This information collection includes some increases due to new information that will be collected. This submission is being submitted as a revision to a current collection.

Type of Review: Revision to an existing collection

Affected Public: Traveling public

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 4 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,960,000

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: N/A

Dated: April 15, 2002.

TRACEY DENNING,
Information Services Group.

[Published in the Federal Register, April 19, 2002 (67 FR 19484)]

DATES AND DRAFT AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION
OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD
CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

AGENCIES: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, and U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Publication of the dates and draft agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the dates and draft agenda for the next session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myles B. Harmon, Director, International Agreements Staff, U.S. Customs Service (202-927-2255), or Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements, U.S. International Trade Commission (202-205-2592).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND

The United States is a contracting party to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (“Harmonized System Convention”). The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (“Harmonized System”), an international nomenclature system, form the core of the U.S. tariff, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The Harmonized System Convention is under the jurisdiction of the World Customs Organization (established as the Customs Cooperation Council).

Article 6 of the Harmonized System Convention establishes a Harmonized System Committee (“HSC”). The HSC is composed of representatives from each of the contracting parties to the Harmonized System Convention. The HSC’s responsibilities include issuing classification decisions on the interpretation of the Harmonized System. Those decisions may take the form of published tariff classification opinions concerning the classification of an article under the Harmonized System or amendments to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. The HSC also considers amendments to the legal text of the Harmonized System. The HSC meets twice a year in Brussels, Belgium. The next session of the HSC will be the twenty-ninth, and it will be held from May 22-31, 2002.

In accordance with section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-418), the Department of the Treasury, represented by the U.S. Customs Service, the Department of Commerce, represented by the Census Bureau, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (“IT”), jointly represent the U.S. government at the sessions of the HSC. The Customs Service representative serves as the head of the delegation at the sessions of the HSC.

Set forth below is the draft agenda for the next session of the HSC. Copies of available agenda-item documents may be obtained from either the Customs Service or the ITC. Comments on agenda items may be directed to the above-listed individuals.

Dated: April 17, 2002.

MYLES B. HARMON,
Director,
International Agreements Staff.

[Attachment]

Attachment

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH
SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 22 (3 p.m.) to Friday, May 31, 2002

N.B.: Tuesday, May 21, 2002

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Preessional Working Party (to examine the questions under Agenda Item VII)

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Adoption of the Report of the Preessional Working Party

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Adoption of the Report of the 25th Session of the Review Subcommittee

I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,
Washington, DC, April 17, 2002.

The following documents of the United States Customs Service, Office of Regulations and Rulings, have been determined to be of sufficient interest to the public and U.S. Customs Service field offices to merit publication in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN.

DOUGLAS M. BROWNING,
*Acting Assistant Commissioner,
Office of Regulations and Rulings.*

PROPOSED REVOCATION OF RULING LETTER AND
TREATMENT RELATING TO TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF
GUN BOOT SKINS

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service; Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed revocation of a tariff classification ruling letter and treatment relating to the classification of textile gun boot skins.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 625(c), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)), this notice advises interested parties that Customs intends to revoke New York Ruling Letter (NY) E89014, relating to the tariff classification under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA), of textile gun boot skins. Similarly, Customs proposes to revoke any treatment previously accorded by it to substantially identical merchandise that is contrary to the position set forth in this notice. Comments are invited on the correctness of the intended actions.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2002.

ADDRESS: Written comments are to be addressed to U.S. Customs Service, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Attention: Regulations Branch, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229. Submitted comments may be inspected at the same location during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Greitzer, Textiles Branch: (202) 927-1695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND

On December 8, 1993, Title VI, (Customs Modernization), of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L.

103–182, 107 Stat. 2057) (hereinafter “Title VI”), became effective. Title VI amended many sections of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and related laws. Two new concepts which emerge from the law are “**informed compliance**” and “**shared responsibility.**” These concepts are premised on the idea that in order to maximize voluntary compliance with Customs laws and regulations, the trade community needs to be clearly and completely informed of its legal obligations. Accordingly, the law imposes a greater obligation on Customs to provide the public with improved information concerning the trade community’s responsibilities and rights under the Customs and related laws. In addition, both the trade and Customs share responsibility in carrying out import requirements. For example, under section 484 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. §1484), the importer of record is responsible for using reasonable care to enter, classify and value imported merchandise, and provide any other information necessary to enable Customs to properly assess duties, collect accurate statistics and determine whether any other applicable legal requirement is met.

Pursuant to section 625(c)(1), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(1)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, this notice advises interested parties that Customs intends to revoke one ruling relating to the tariff classification of gun boot skins. Although in this notice Customs is specifically referring to the revocation of New York decision (NY) E89014, dated December 1, 1999, (attachment A), this notice covers any rulings on this merchandise which may exist but have not been specifically identified. Customs has undertaken reasonable efforts to search existing data bases for rulings in addition to the one identified. No further rulings have been found. Any party who has received an interpretive ruling or decision (i.e., ruling letter, internal advice memorandum or decision or protest review decision) on the merchandise subject to this notice, should advise Customs during this notice period.

Similarly, pursuant to section 625(c)(2), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, Customs intends to revoke any treatment previously accorded by Customs to substantially identical merchandise. This treatment may, among other reasons, be the result of the importer’s reliance on a ruling issued to a third party, Customs personnel applying a ruling of a third party to importations of the same or similar merchandise, or the importer’s or Customs previous interpretation of the HTSUSA. Any person involved with substantially identical merchandise should advise Customs during this notice period. An importer’s failure to advise Customs of substantially identical merchandise or of a specific ruling not identified in this notice, may raise issues of reasonable care on the part of the importer or their agents for importations of merchandise subsequent to the effective date of the final decision on this notice.

In NY E89014, Customs classified a gun boot skin constructed of thin polyester lycra fabric, under heading 4202, HTSUSA, which provides for, among other things, gun cases, holsters, and similar containers.

Customs has reviewed the classification of the gun boot skin and has determined that the cited ruling is in error. Accordingly, we intend to revoke NY E89014 to reflect the proper classification of the goods under subheading 6307.90.9889, HTSUSA, the provision for "Other made up articles. Customs also intends to revoke any other ruling not specifically identified, to reflect the proper classification of the merchandise pursuant to the analysis set forth in proposed HQ 963696 (attachment B). Additionally, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2), Customs intends to revoke any treatment previously accorded by Customs to substantially identical merchandise. Before taking this action, consideration will be given to any written comments timely received.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

JOHN ELKINS,
(for John Durant, Director,
Commercial Rulings Division.)

[Attachments]

[ATTACHMENT A]

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE,
New York, NY, December 1, 1999.
CLA-2-42:RR:NC:341:E89014
Category: Classification
Tariff No. 4202.92.9026

MR. TIM PARSONS
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Re: The tariff classification of a gun container from China.

DEAR MR. PARSONS:

In your letter dated November 15th, 1999, you requested a classification ruling.

The sample submitted with your request is identified as "gun boot skin". A sample number was not indicated in your inquiry. The item is a container that is specially shaped and fitted to hold a gun. It is manufactured wholly of textile material of man-made fibers. The openings of the container are located on the underside and rear of the container and are both secured by hook and loop closures.

The applicable subheading for the "gun boot skin" will be 4202.92.9026, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), which provides for gun cases, holsters, and similar containers * * * other of man-made fibers. The duty rate will be 18.8% ad valorem.

Items classifiable under HTS subheading 4202.92.9026 fall within textile category designation 670. Based upon international textile trade agreements products of China are subject to quota and the requirement of a visa.

The designated textile and apparel categories and their quota and visa status are the result of international agreements that are subject to frequent renegotiations and changes. To obtain the most current information, we suggest that you check, close to the time of shipment, the *U.S. Customs Service Textile Status Report*, an internal issuance of the U.S. Customs Service, which is available at the Customs Web site at www.customs.gov. In addition, the designated textile and apparel categories may be subdivided into parts. If so, visa

and quota requirements applicable to the subject merchandise may be affected and should also be verified at the time of shipment.

This ruling is being issued under the provisions of Part 177 of the Customs Regulations (19 C.F.R. 177).

Your sample is being returned as requested.

A copy of the ruling or the control number indicated above should be provided with the entry documents filed at the time this merchandise is imported. If you have any questions regarding the ruling, contact National Import Specialist Kevin Gorman at 212-637-7091.

ROBERT B. SWIERUPSKI,

Director,

National Commodity Specialist Division.

[ATTACHMENT B]

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE,
Washington, DC.

CLA-2 RR:CR:TE 963696 SG
Category: Classification
Tariff No. 6307.90.9889

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Re: Revocation of New York Ruling Letter (NY) E89014, dated December 1, 1999; Gun Boot Skin: Other Made Up Article of Textiles; Storage Bag, Not Traveling Bag; *Totes, Incorporated v. United States*, 18 C.I.T. 919, 865 F. Supp. 867 (1994), *aff'd*, 69 F.3d 495 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

DEAR MR. PARSONS:

This letter is in response to your letter dated December 27, 1999, in which you requested reconsideration of New York Ruling Letter (NY) E89014, issued on December 1, 1999, in which Customs classified a camouflage printed "gun boot skin" in subheading 4202.92.9026, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA), which provides for "Trunks, * * *, gun cases, holsters and similar containers; traveling bags, * * *, sportsbags, * * * and similar containers * * *: Other: With outer surface of sheeting of plastic or of textile materials: Other: Other, With outer surface of textile materials: * * * Other: Of man-made fibers." Your letter along with a sample was forwarded to this office for our reply. We have reviewed that ruling and have found it to be in error. Therefore, this ruling revokes NY E89014.

Facts:

The merchandise at issue is described as a camouflage dressing for a Gun Boot that is permanently attached to an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). The Gun Boot is used to hold a rifle/shotgun and is comprised of a hard plastic outer shell with a soft padded interior lining. The Gun Boot is opened by removing a pin directly behind the handle, and the whole "butt" portion comes off to reveal the stock of the rifle/shotgun. The Gun Boot Skin is comprised to two main pieces of textile material both shaped like a bag. One piece is approximately 40 inches long by 9 inches in width at its widest part (and 2½ inches in width at its narrowest); it would be used to slide over the "muzzle" end of the boot. The second piece is approximately 16 inches long by 9 inches in width at its widest part and 7 inches in width at its narrowest part; it would slip over the wider "butt" end of the gun boot. The two pieces are secured together by hook and loop closures and have sewn-in slots that are specifically located at the attachment points of the gun boot to the ATV. The articles are composed of 100 percent stretch polyester lycra knit fabric. At the top inside of the bags, there are a number of strips of Velcro®. We are advised that these strips help to keep the "skin" located most effectively as camouflage. Each bag also contains a slit opening near the nar-

row end. We understand these slots are specifically located at attachment points of the Gun Boot to the ATV. The Gun Boot Skin is merely designed to camouflage the Gun Boot and is not intended as a container. It is claimed that the material is very thin, stretchy, and would neither provide protection to a gun against knocks, water, or dirt. Nor is it intended to carry either a gun or the case; there is no form or handle attached to the Gun Skin, as the material is too light and would rip if it were used to carry a gun.

Issue:

Whether the merchandise is classified in heading 4202, HTSUS, as a traveling bag; in heading 8708, HTSUS, as a motor vehicle part or accessory; or in heading 6307, HTSUS, as an other made up textile article.

Law and Analysis:

Classification under the HTSUS is made in accordance with the General Rules of Interpretation (GRI). GRI 1 provides that the classification of goods shall be determined according to the terms of the headings of the tariff schedule and any relative Section or Chapter Notes. In the event that the goods cannot be classified solely on the basis of GRI 1, and if the headings and legal notes do not otherwise require, the remaining GRI may then be applied. The Explanatory Notes (EN) to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, which represent the official interpretation of the tariff at the international level, facilitate classification under the HTSUS by offering guidance in understanding the scope of the headings and GRI.

Heading 4202, HTSUS, provides for:

Trunks, suitcases, vanity cases, attache cases, briefcases, school satchels, spectacle cases, binocular cases, camera cases, musical instrument cases, gun cases, holsters and similar containers; traveling bags, insulated food or beverage bags, toiletry bags, knapsacks and backpacks, handbags, shopping bags, wallets, purses, map cases, cigarette cases, tobacco pouches, tool bags, sports bags, bottle cases, jewelry boxes, powder cases, cutlery cases and similar containers, of leather or of composition leather, of sheeting of plastics, of textile materials, of vulcanized fiber, or of paperboard, or wholly or mainly covered with such materials or with paper.

In order to warrant classification under heading 4202, HTSUSA, the gun boot skin must be found to share the fundamental characteristics attributable to containers of heading 4202, HTSUSA. In *Totes, Incorporated v. United States*, 18 C.I.T. 919, 865 F. Supp. 867 (1994), *aff'd*, 69 F.3d 495 (Fed. Cir. 1995), the Court of International Trade (CIT) examined the classification of automobile trunk organizers (described as bags or cases designed to store trunk necessities such as jumper cables, tire inflator, tools, antifreeze, oil, and other fluids, etc., in a neat and orderly manner) and the application of *ejusdem generis*, to determine whether the organizers were of the same class or kind of containers as the listed 4202 exemplars. The Court found significant disparity in the physical characteristics, purposes, and uses of the individual heading 4202 exemplars, but emphasized that the essential characteristics and purposes of all of the exemplars were to organize, store, protect and carry various items. The capability of the trunk organizers to carry—not to organize, store, and protect—was a central issue in the case. After having stipulated to the fact that the organizers had hefty web handles for easy carrying, the plaintiff subsequently attempted to minimize the organizers' carrying capacity and function. The Court, however, rejected any requirement that the principal design feature of an article classified as a "similar container" under heading 4202 be portability or transportation of the contents.

Like the trunk organizers, the subject textile article is not designed for the transportation of contents. The CIT in *Totes*, recognized that portability is usually an incidental purpose of jewelry boxes and certain tool chests classifiable in heading 4202, HTSUS, but noted that those containers nevertheless retained their primary uses to organize, store and protect articles. However, unlike the trunk organizers—which featured internal movable dividers by which a variety of items could be compartmentalized—the subject gun boot skin shares none of the essential characteristics and purposes of articles of heading 4202, i.e., to organize, store, protect and carry various items. We find that the clear absence of the essential characteristics of heading 4202 exemplars provides no basis upon which to classify the gun boot skin as a "similar container."

Among other goods, heading 8708, HTSUS, covers parts and accessories of motor vehicles. The EN to heading 8708 state that the heading covers parts and accessories of the

motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705, provided that the parts and accessories fulfill both of the following conditions:

- (i) They must be identifiable as being suitable for use solely or principally with the above-mentioned vehicles; and
- (ii) They must not be excluded by the provisions of the Notes to Section XVII.

Textile articles used to camouflage gun boots on ATVs are not excluded by the provisions of the Notes to Section XVII. To determine whether the gun boot skin is suitable for use solely or principally with a motor vehicle so as to be classified as a part or accessory, we look to a discussion of the term "part" in *United States v. Willoughby Camera Stores, Inc.* (hereinafter *Willoughby*), 21 C.C.P.A. 322 (1933). The case involved the classification of an imported tripod which was not solely used with cameras and had various other purposes. The Customs Court stated that a part "is an integral, constituent, or component * * * without which the article to which it is to be joined, could not function as such article." In *United States v. Pompeo* (hereinafter *Pompeo*), 43 C.C.P.A. 9 (1955), the issue was whether an imported supercharger was properly considered a part of an automobile. The Government had argued that, because an automobile was able to function with or without it, the supercharger was not a part. The Court disagreed, focusing on the nature of the supercharger, which was "dedicated irrevocably for use upon automobiles," and held that the article was properly classified as a part of an automobile.

The article at issue here does not satisfy the requirements of a "part" under the standards of either *Willoughby* or *Pompeo*, or fulfill the conditions of the EN to heading 8708 for classification as a part or accessory. It is never "joined" to the ATV, is not actually used upon the automobile itself, and does not affect the vehicle's function. Since the bag is used only on the gun boot, it cannot be found to be suitable for use solely or principally with the vehicle. The gun boot skin is therefore not classified as a part or accessory of a motor vehicle. (But see NY 873356, issued April 21, 1992, and NY 864763, issued July 8, 1991, in which an automobile trunk cover and an article specifically designed and fitted to cover the windows and roof of a Chevrolet Corvette automobile, respectively, were classified under heading 8708, HTSUS. Unlike the subject textile article, however, each of those items was intended for attachment directly to, and suitable for use solely or principally with, a motor vehicle.)

Heading 6307, HTSUS, covers other made up textile articles, including dress patterns. The EN to heading 6307 indicate that the heading covers made up articles of any textile material which are not included more specifically in other headings of Section XI or elsewhere in the Nomenclature. The EN indicate that the heading excludes travel goods (suitcases, rucksacks, etc.), shopping-bags, toilet-cases, etc., and all similar containers of heading 4202. The EN also state, in pertinent part, that the heading includes loose covers for motor-cars, domestic laundry or shoe bags and similar articles. In light of this fact and the foregoing discussion, we find that the gun boot skin is classified in subheading 6307.90.9889, HTSUSA.

Holding:

The Gun Boot Skin, a camouflage dressing for a gun boot permanently attached to an ATV is properly classified in subheading 6307.90.9889, HTSUSA, the provision for "Other made up articles, including dress patterns: Other: Other: Other: Other: Other." The general column one duty rate is 7 percent ad valorem.

NY E89014, issued on December 1, 1999, is hereby revoked.

JOHN DURANT,
Director,
Commercial Rulings Division.