

U.S. Customs and Border Protection



DATES AND DRAFT AGENDA OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Publication of the dates and draft agenda for the fifty-third 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.

DATES: January 27, 2014

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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, forms 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 fifty-third and it will be held from March 3, 2014 to March 14, 2014.

In accordance with section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–418), the Department of Homeland Security, represented by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Commerce, represented by the Census Bureau, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (“ITC”), jointly represent the U.S. government at the sessions of the HSC. The Customs and Border Protection 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 Customs and Border Protection or the ITC. Comments on agenda items may be directed to the above-listed individuals.

Dated:

IEVA K. O’ROURKE,
Chief
Tariff Classification and Marking Branch

Attachment



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
 ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES
 Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council
 Créée en 1952 sous le nom de Conseil de coopération douanière

HARMONIZED SYSTEM
 COMMITTEE
 -
 53rd Session
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Brussels, 15 January 2014.

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 53rd SESSION
 OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE**

From : Monday, 3 March 2014 (11.00 a.m.)

To : Friday, 14 March 2014

N.B. : Thursday, 27 February 2014 (9.30 a.m.) to Friday 28 February
 2014: Presessional Working Party (to examine the questions under
Agenda Item VI)

Monday, 3 March 2014 (9:30a.m.-9:55a.m.): Adoption of the Report
 of the Presessional Working Party

Monday, 3 March 2014 (10:00 a.m. -10:55 a.m.): Adoption of the
 Report of the 46th Session of the Review Sub-Committee

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| 9. | Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 07.12 | NC1962E1a |
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| 8. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify polyester yarns, with high tenacity, textured, in subheading 5402.20 | NC1966E1a,
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| 10. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify the tunic ("Kameez") of garments known as "Shalwar-Kameez" in heading 62.06 (subheading 6206.30) | NC1966E1a,
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| 11. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a shawl ("Dupatta") presented with garments known as "Shalwar-Kameez" in heading 62.14 (subheading 6214.90) | NC1966E1a,
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| 12. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify light emitting diode (LED) backlights for liquid crystal displays in heading 84.73 (subheading 8473.30) | NC1966E1a,
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| 16. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify certain light-emitting diode (LED) lamps in heading 85.43 (subheading 8543.70) | NC1966E1a,
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| 17. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a check-out counter in heading 94.03 (subheading 9403.20) | NC1966E1a,
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| 18. | Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a stuffed animal and a stuffed head of animal (called "Hunting Trophies") in heading 97.05 | NC1966E1a,
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| 2. | Classification of peach pulp concentrate (Request by South Africa) | NC1969E1a |
| 3. | Classification of certain cabinets in unassembled form with or without apparatus to be housed therein (Request by the Secretariat) | NC1970E1a |
| 4. | Possible amendments to the Nomenclature in respect of biological dual-use items (Proposal by the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit) | NC1971E1a |
| 5. | Classification of a cheese substitute (Request by Argentina) | NC1972E1a |
| 6. | Classification of equipment for harvesting olives, almonds and pistachios and for pruning fruit and nut trees (Request by Tunisia) | NC1973E1a |
| 7. | Classification of radiators for motorcycles (Request by Thailand) | NC1974E1a |
| 8. | Classification of silvered hollow glass microspheres (Request by China) | NC1975E1a |

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| 9. | Classification of a drum housing for a combine harvester-thresher—Dispute between the EU and Russian Federation (Request by the EU) | NC1976E1a |
| 10. | Classification of certain textile articles (Request from Colombia) | NC1977E1a
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| 11. | Possible amendments to the Nomenclature to specifically provide for “Multi-Component Integrated Circuits (MCOs)” (Proposal by the US) | NC1978E1a |
| 12. | Possible amendment to the Explanatory Note to heading 28.18 (Request by the Russian Federation) | NC1979E1a |
| 13. | Classification of products called “Green Apple Powder” and “Spinach Juice Powder” (Request by Thailand) | NC1980E1a |
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| 5. | Classification of certain articles of plastics (Request from Malaysia) | NC1986E1a |
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| 7. | Separate identification of “alpha-phenylacetoacetonitrile (APAAN)” in the HS (Request by the UN International Narcotics Control Board) | NC1988E1a |
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AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:**Commercial Invoice**

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

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information: 1651-0090.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Commercial Invoice. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 70569) on November 26, 2013, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP 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 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) 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) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Commercial Invoice.

OMB Number: 1651-0090.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: The collection of the commercial invoice is necessary for conducting adequate examination of merchandise and determination of the duties due on imported merchandise as required by 19 CFR 141.81, 141.82, 141.83, 141.84, 141.85, 141.86, 141.88, 141.89, 141.90 and by 19 U.S.C. 1481 and 1484. The commercial invoice is provided to CBP by the importer. The information is used to ascertain the proper tariff classification and valuation of imported merchandise, as required by the Tariff Act of 1930. To facilitate trade, CBP did not develop a specific form for this information collection. Importers are allowed to use their existing invoices to comply with these regulations.

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with no change to the burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38,500.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1208.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 46,500,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 744,000.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

TRACEY DENNING,
Agency Clearance Officer,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:**Importer ID Input Record**

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

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Importer ID Input Record (CBP Form 5106). This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 67383) on November 12, 2013, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP 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 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) 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) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Importer ID Input Record.

OMB Number: 1651-0064.

Form Number: CBP Form 5106.

Abstract: The collection of the information on the Importer ID Input Record (CBP Form 5106) is the basis for identifying entities who wish to import merchandise into the United States, act as consignee on an importation when not the importer of record, or otherwise do business with CBP that would involve the payment of duties, taxes, fees or other monies or the refund. Each person, business firm, Government agency, or other organization that intends to file an import entry must file CBP Form 5106 with the first formal entry or request for services that will result in the issuance of a bill or a refund check upon adjustment of a cash collection. This form must also be filed by or on behalf of the ultimate consignee at the first importation in which the party acting as ultimate consignee is so named.

CBP Form 5106 is authorized by 19 U.S.C 1484 and provided for by 19 CFR 24.5. This form is accessible at: http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP_Form_5106.pdf.

Current Actions: CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with no change to the burden hours or to the information collected on CBP Form 5106.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses and Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents Annually: 300,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 75,000.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

TRACEY DENNING,
Agency Clearance Officer,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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