

Supporting Statement
CBP Declaration - CBP Form 6059-B
1651-0009

A. Justification

1. Imported articles, unless expressly exempted, must be declared to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) under 19 U.S.C. 66, section 498 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1498), 19 U.S.C. 1497, and 148.12 and 148.13 of the CBP Regulations (19 CFR 148.12 and 148.13) were promulgated and they prescribe the use of CF 6059-B to make a written declaration for CBP.
2. CBP Form 6059-B is used as a standard report of identity, citizenship, and residence of each person arriving in the U.S. by airplane and ship. Legally the form facilitates CBP's enforcement of various importation laws relating to customs duties, agricultural products, endangered species, and the currency reporting laws. Also, the form allows CBP to be selective in its inspection procedures thereby freeing CBP Officers from the need to more closely question travelers or examine their baggage. This reduction in the need for extensive questioning or the physical examination of baggage is a benefit to the traveler. Additionally, the successful prosecution of violators of these statutes would be more difficult without the written notices that the respondents have read and signed indicating that they have received the notices.
3. The information required is incidental to the arrival of the traveler and most 6059-B's are filled out either on the plane, cruise ship, etc. so computer transmission would not be appropriate.
4. This information is unique for each declared submission and is not duplicated.
5. CBP Regulation 19 CFR 148.23 allows commercial items to be declared by small businesses on CBP Form 6059-B, provided the aggregate value of such articles does not exceed the value limits imposed on informal entry of commercial merchandise.
6. If collections were conducted less frequently, CBP would lose control of air/sea passenger revenue collections and lengthen processing time at airports and be less effective in its effort to support agricultural quarantines.
7. This information collection is conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(c)(2).

8. Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices published on March 10, 2006 and on October 3, 2006. As of this submission, no comments have been received.
9. There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.
10. No specific assurances of confidentiality are provided for this information collection.
11. There are no questions of a personal or sensitive nature.
12. Estimated Annualized Burden on the Public The estimated burden for this information collection is 4,038,000 hours. This is based on an estimated 60 million respondents, one declaration per respondent, with an average time of 4 minutes and 5 seconds (.0673 hour) per respondent.

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public The estimated costs would be impossible to determine because of the wide range of individual filers of the CBP Form 6059-B. The CBP Declaration is completed en route and prior to landing within the United States.
13. Estimated Record Keeping Burden on the Public There are no record keeping costs associated with this information collection.

Estimated Capitalization Cost Burden on the Public There are no capitalization costs associated with this information collection.
14. Estimated cost to the Federal Government associated with collecting, analyzing and processing this information is \$10,803,000. This is based upon an estimated 360,100 hours expended at an average hourly rate of \$30.00.
15. There are no changes to this information collection.
16. This information collection will not be used for statistical purposes.
17. CBP requests permission not to put the expiration date on this form because large quantities are stocked at ports at the border.
18. CBP does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection, except permission to not display the expiration date as requested above.

B. No statistical methods were employed.

