

Supporting Statement
United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)
1651-0083

A. Justification

1. The collection of information is required to implement the duty preference provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA). The provisions of CBTPA were adopted by the U.S. with the enactment of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (PL.106-200). The objective of the CBTPA is to expand trade benefits to countries in the Caribbean Basin. This collection identifies the documentary and other procedural requirements, which apply to any claim for such preferential tariff. The collection of information is provided for in 19 CFR 10, 228, 10.234, and 10.236.
2. For preferential treatment under CBTPA, the Caribbean Basin exporters are required to provide a certification of origin to the importer. The importers are required to have the certification in their possession at the time of the claim, and to provide it to CBP upon request as stated in 19 CFR Part 163. This Declaration is provided to the importers as proof of compliance with these provisions and the information will be provided to CBP to support a claim of preferential treatment. The CBP officer will review the information for sufficiency to allow the importer's claim. If the information is not sufficient to substantiate the claim in addition to Requests for Information, on-site verifications of the exporter or producer in the Caribbean Basin country may be initiated.
3. It is planned that this information will be collected via the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) by 2010.
4. This information is not collected in any other form and, therefore, is not duplicated elsewhere.
5. No special consideration has been given to small businesses. All claimants must submit the same information.
6. If this information was not collected, CBP would not be able to ensure that duty-free or reduced-duty treatment is provided on imported goods under the Act and specifies the documentary and other procedural requirements which apply to any claim for such preferential tariff treatment under the Act.
7. This information collection is conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.
8. Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices published on February 20, 2007 and on April 20, 2007. As of this submission, no comments were received.

9. There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.
10. There are no specific assurances of confidentiality provided with this information collection.
11. There are no questions of a personal and sensitive nature.
12. Estimated Annualized Burden on the Public
The estimated burden for this information collection is 2,250 hours. This was determined as follows:

84 respondents (importers) filing 9000 responses per year at 15 minutes (.25 hours) per response = 2,250 hours.

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Public. The estimated cost to the public is \$51,750.00, based on an estimated 2,250 burden hours at an estimated hourly rate of \$23.00 per hour.
13. Estimated Record Keeping Burden on the Public. There is no record keeping burden associated with this collection.

Estimated Capitalization Cost Burden on the Public. There is no capitalization cost associated with this information collection.
14. The Estimated Cost to the Federal Government associated with the reviewing and processing the information is \$75,000. This is based on an estimated 2,500 hours expended at an average hourly rate of \$30.00.
15. The reduction in the burden hours is due primarily to the movement of trade from the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).
16. This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

17. We will put the expiration date on the form when we receive a Notice of Action from OMB with the new date.

18. CBP does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection

B. Collection Of Information Employing Statistical Methods

No statistical methods are used.