

Supporting Statement
Holders or Containers Which Enter the United States Duty Free
1651-0035

A. Justification

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

All articles that are brought into the United States are subject to duty unless they are specifically exempt under the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS), codified as 19 U.S.C. 1202. Item 9801.00.10 (HTSUS) provides that articles that were manufactured in the U.S. and exported and returned without having been advanced in value or improved in condition by any process of manufacture may be brought back into the U.S. duty-free. In addition, Item 9803.00.50 (HTSUS) provides for the duty-free entry of substantial holders or containers of foreign manufacture if duty had been paid upon a previous importation pursuant to the provisions of 19 C.F.R. 10.41b.

Although an article may be brought back into the United States without being subject to duty, a consumption entry must nevertheless be made along with the reason for the article not being subject to duty set forth on the entry. However, an importer who brings in merchandise packed in U.S. manufactured containers or holders or previously duty-paid containers or holders, and does so several times a year involving a great many containers or holders, may mark the container or holder with the HTSUS number in lieu of filing of entry papers each time. CBP believes such frequent filing of entry papers for these containers or holders would be overly burdensome to the importer or shipper.

19 CFR 10.41 provides that substantial holders or containers are to have prescribed markings in clear and conspicuous letters of such a size that they will be easily discernable. Section 10.41b eliminates the need for an importer to file entry documents by instead requiring the marking of the containers or holders to indicate under which item number of the HTSUS the containers or holders are entitled duty free entry.

This collection of information applies to the importing and trade community who are familiar with import procedures and with the CBP regulations.

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

The owner of the containers or holders is required to show the CBP officers whether the containers or holders have been taken out of international service. They are required to place the markings on a metal tag or plate with the following information: 9801.00.10, HTSUS (unless there is a permanent metal tag or plate affixed showing the manufacturer's name and address who are located in the U.S.); the name of the owner; and the serial number assigned by the owner. In the case of serially numbered holders or containers of foreign manufacture for which free clearance under the second provision of item 9803.00.50 HTSUS is claimed, the owner must place the following markings thereon: 9803.00.50, the port code numbers of the port of entry; the entry number, and the last two digits of the fiscal year of entry covering the importation of the holders and containers on which duty was paid; and, the name of the owner (conspicuously shown), and the serial number assigned by the owner.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

This is a container marking requirement, so automated transmission of information would not be appropriate.

- 4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

This information is not duplicated in any other place or any other form.

- 5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

- 6. Describe consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

If this information was not required importers, shippers or consignees would be required to file entry documents which would be more burdensome for them than complying with this section of the CFR regarding marking of containers or holders.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices published on October 6, 2009 (Volume 74, Page 51297) and on December 14, 2009 (Volume 74, Page 66137). No comments were received.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

There are no assurances of confidentiality provided to the respondents of this information collection.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.

INFORMATION COLLECTION	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
Holder's/					

Containers Entering U.S. Duty-Free	90	20	18	360	15 minutes (.25 hours)
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Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$2,520. This is based on the estimated burden hours (90) multiplied (x) the average hourly rate (\$28.00).

- 13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information.**

There are no record keeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

- 14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government associated with the review of these records is **\$2,520**. This is based on the number of responses (360) that must be reviewed (x) the time to review and process each response (10 minutes or .166 hours) = 60 hours (x) the average hourly rate (\$42.00) = \$2,520.

- 15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 12 or 13.**

There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated annual burden hours previously reported for this information collection

- 16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation, and publication.**

This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

- 17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date, explain the reasons that displaying the expiration date would be inappropriate.**

CBP will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

- 18. "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."**

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

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

No statistical methods were employed.